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Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

RECORDS

OF THE

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

HELD IN THE

CITY OF PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY CO.,

May 22 and 23, 1888.

BEING IN THE YEAR OF THE ORDER 770,
AND OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA 91.

R. E. SIR KNIGHT LEE STEWART SMITH,
GRAND COMMANDER.

E. SIR KNIGHT CHARLES E. MEYER,
GRAND RECORDER.

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Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NOTICE OF CONCLAVE AND ANNUAL PARADE.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
PITTSBURGH, April 2, 1888.

To whom it may concern, greeting.

Know ye that the Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and appendant orders of Pennsylvania will be held in the Grand Opera House, Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, May 22, 1888, promptly at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Annual Parade will take place on Tuesday morning, May 22, the column moving promptly at 10.30 o'clock.

The formation will be as follows :—

First Division.—On Grant street, north of Fifth avenue, right on Fifth.

Second Division.—On Grant street, south of Fifth avenue, right on Fifth.

Third Division.—On Sixth avenue, right on Grant street.

The route will be as follows :—Fifth avenue to Market, to Sixth, Suspension Bridge to Federal (Allegheny), to North avenue, to Irwin avenue, to Ridge avenue, to Marion avenue, to Stockton avenue, to Federal street, and dismiss.

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In order that the orders for parade may be prepared, and Commanderies be properly assigned, it is absolutely necessary that Commanderies intending to participate notify the Grand Recorder at once, and also advise him :—

First.—Whether or not they will have a band, and give name of band, number of pieces, men in band.

Second.—The estimated number they expect to have in line.

Third.—Their place of sojourn in the city, and time of arrival. The importance of giving this information is urged upon the proper officers, in order that the line may be moved promptly and compactly.

The annual election of Grand Officers will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 1888, at 10 A. M.

The Grand Officers will be installed with full musical ceremonies at the Grand Opera House, on Wednesday evening, May 23, at 8 P. M.; at which time the Sir Knights will appear in full Templar uniform, with swords.

The Joint Committee of Arrangements make the following announcements :—

A Knights Templar reception and tournoi will be given at Grand Opera House, by the Commanderies of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, Tuesday evening, May 22, at 8 o'clock; to which visiting Knights Templar in full Templar uniform, and their ladies, will be admitted free by ticket.

There will be two steamer excursions on the rivers, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and 3 o'clock, P. M., Wednesday, May 23. To which all Sir Knights and their ladies are invited.

The Headquarters of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Commanderies will be as follows :—

Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, Monongahela House, Smithfield and Water streets; Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, Grand Central Rink, Penn avenue, near Sixth street; Tancred Commandery, No. 48, Duquesne Hotel, Smithfield

street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues; Ascalon Commandery, No. 59, Federal street, Allegheny.

The Headquarters of the General Committee will be announced hereafter.

Headquarters of the Grand Commander will be at Hotel Anderson, Sixth street, where all Commanderies will report, upon arrival, for further orders.

By order of

LEE S. SMITH,
Grand Commander.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder.

KNIGHTLY HOSPITALITY.

In accordance with custom and knightly hospitality, the Commanderies located in Pittsburgh and Allegheny City took charge of the arrangements for the reception of the visiting Knights and their ladies. Headquarters were established as follows :—

HEADQUARTERS OF LOCAL COMMANDERIES.

PITTSBURGH COMMANDERY, No. 1.

Parlors 4, 5 and 6, Monongahela House.

OFFICERS :—E. Sir W. C. Wright, *Eminent Commander;* Sir Jas. S. McKean, *Generalissimo;* Sir Jas. B. Youngson, *Captain General;* E. Sir George Glass, *Treasurer;* Sir W. T. Reiter, *Recorder.*

ALLEGHENY COMMANDERY, No. 35.

Grand Central Rink, Penn avenue, near Sixth street.

OFFICERS:—E. Sir Jos. T. Nevin, *Eminent Commander;* Sir Geo. C. Johnstone, *Generalissimo;* Sir Steven M. Reynolds, *Captain General;* Sir Alfred Slack, *Treasurer;* E. Sir George N. Laycock, *Recorder.*

TANCRED COMMANDERY, No. 48.

Hotel Duquesne, Smithfield street.

OFFICERS:—E. Sir Jas. Kerr, Jr., *Eminent Commander;* Sir Jas. S. Arnold, *Generalissimo;* Sir Wm. S. Brown, *Captain General;* E. Sir Benj. Darlington, *Treasurer;* Sir Wm. Clark, *Recorder.*

ASCALON COMMANDERY, No. 59.

Hotel Albemarle, Sixth street.

OFFICERS:—E. Sir James McNeil, *Eminent Commander;* Sir James M. Sprague, *Generalissimo;* Sir Wm. N. Anthony, *Captain-General;* Sir Wm. Fisher, *Treasurer;* Sir Robert H. McCreery, *Recorder.*

General Committee of Arrangements (purple badges). Headquarters, Grand Opera House.

Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1:—R. E. Sir Geter C. Shidle, E. Sir John McKain, E. Sir W. C. Wright.

Tancred Commandery, No. 48:—E. Sir Charles C. Baer, E. Sir D. A. Stevenson, E. Sir Samuel Harper.

Allegheny Commandery, No. 35:—E. Sir Wm. H. Slack, Sir Jos. T. Nevin, Sir George C. Johnstone.

Ascalon Commandery, No. 59:—E. Sir James Wilson, Sir James M. Sprague, Sir James McNeil.

Committee (white badges). Reception and Tournoi, Tuesday Evening, May 22.

Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1:—Sir Harry W. Dunlap, Sir Samuel J. Moffat, Sir Geo. F. Macdonald, Sir D. F. Collingwood, Sir George Gladden.

Tancred Commandery, No. 48 :—E. Sir Lewis T. Brown, Sir Chas. P. Walker, Sir Harry Lauffer, Sir Chas. S. Holmes, Sir Wm. M. Rees.

Allegheny Commandery, No. 35 :—Sir Edwin S. Craig, Sir C. W. Dahlinger, Sir Fred A. East, Sir David C. Rogers, Sir Fred Gwinner, Jr.

Ascalon Commandery, No. 59 :—Sir James M. Sprague, Sir Wm. A. Hetzle, Sir Jas. B. Sipe, Sir Wm. P. T. Fairman, Sir Thomas M. Irwin.

Committee on Music :—E. Sir Wm. H. Slack, No. 35; E. Sir Chas. C. Baer, No. 48.

Committee on Decorations :—Sir Wm. J. Diehl, No. 1; Sir William Hamilton, No. 35; E. Sir D. A. Stevenson, No. 48; E. Sir James Wilson, No. 59.

Committee on Steamboat Excursions (scarlet badges), *Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 :*—R. E. Sir Chas. W. Batchelor, E. Sir M. M. Felker, Sir Richard Barrows.

Tancred Commandery, No. 48 :—Sir Thomas M. Rees, Sir Alfred E. Hunt, Sir James W. Dihm.

Allegheny Commandery, No. 35 :—E. Sir W. H. Bown, Sir Geo. M. Gray, Sir Walter Lyon.

Ascalon Commandery, No. 59 :—Sir Geo. H. Stoebner, Sir John T. McGuire, Sir Wm. Matchett.

Committee on Printing :—E. Sir W. C. Wright, No. 1; E. Sir Wm. H. Slack, No. 35; E. Sir D. A. Stevenson, No. 48; E. Sir James Wilson, No. 59.

The Committee determined upon the following programme :—

Monday, May 21st, Reception of Visiting Commanderies. Tuesday, May 22d, 11 o'clock, A. M., Annual Parade and Review. 3 o'clock, P. M., Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery. 8 o'clock, P. M., Reception and Tournoi.

Wednesday, May 23, 9 o'clock, A. M., Meeting of Grand Commandery. 9 o'clock, A. M., Steamer Excursion on Rivers. 3 o'clock, P. M., Steamer Excursion on Rivers. 7.45 o'clock, P. M., Installation of Grand Officers.

PARADE AND REVIEW.

The following orders were issued for the Annual Parade and Review :—

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF PENNSYLVANIA.
OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER,
PITTSBURGH, May 15, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3.

I.—Commanderies will report for parade on Tuesday morning, May 22, 1888, at 10.30 o'clock.

II.—The formation will be in three divisions, as follows:—

First Division.—On Grant street, north of Fifth avenue, right on Fifth.

Second Division.—On Grant street, south of Fifth avenue, right on Fifth.

Third Division.—On Sixth avenue, right on Grant street.

III.—The lines will be formed at the sound of Division Bugle, at precisely 10.45 o'clock, A. M., to be repeated by bugles stationed along the line.

Each Commander will then promptly bring his Commandery to attention, and close up all intervals. At the second call each officer will *Form Column by Sections.* At 11 o'clock, the third call, *Column will move.*

IV.—Eminent Commanders desiring to form crosses, triangles or other figures, will be careful neither to gain nor lose ground, preserving the same intervals between the front and rear columns or crosses as from right to left of Commandery when in line.

V.—The route will be—Fifth avenue, to Liberty, to Sixth, to Suspension Bridge, to Federal (Allegheny), to North avenue, to Irwin avenue, to Ridge avenue, to Marion avenue, to Stockton avenue, to Federal street and dismiss.

VI.—The line will be reviewed on Stockton avenue, corner Arch street. On passing in review the Commanderies will be formed in Divisions of twelve. The Sir Knights at a "Carry Sword," the officers and past officers and colors alone saluting.

VII.—The Eminent Commanders of Commanderies having bands in the line of procession will be careful to instruct their band leaders to take up the time of their music from the band at the head of column, and to observe the same time during the entire parade.

VIII.—Members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will fall in with their respective Commanderies; or should their Commanderies not be present, then with such Commandery as they may select.

IX.—No carriages permitted in line of procession, nor horses unless with the mounted Commanderies, or used by the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers.

X.—The Grand Commander's headquarters on Tuesday morning will be at the Hotel Anderson until 10.15; then at the head of column.

By order of

LEE S. SMITH,
R. E. Grand Commander.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder.

Promptly at 11 o'clock, A. M., the line moved in the following order :—

PARADE AND REVIEW.

R. E. SIR LEE S. SMITH, *Grand Commander.*

E. Sir WILLIAM J. KELLY, *Aid to Grand Commander.*

E. Sir JOHN A. MARCHAND, *Grand Captain of the Guard.*

E. Sir LEWIS T. BROWN, *Grand Marshal.*

E. Sir N. P. RAMSEY, *Herald.*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery, No. 53, K. T., 26 Knights.

First Division.

V. E. Sir WILLIAM W. ALLEN, *Deputy Grand Commander, Commanding.*

Aid—E. Sir EDWARD B. SPENCER, *Grand Standard Bearer.*

Pittsburgh, No. 1, Pittsburgh, 198 Knights.
Philadelphia, No. 2, Philadelphia, 64 Knights.
Jacques De Molay, No. 3, Washington, 44 Knights.
St. Omer, No. 7, Brownsville, 45 Knights.
Mountain, No. 10, Altoona, 46 Knights.
Lancaster, No. 13, Lancaster, 46 Knights.

Second Division.

E. Sir TORRENCE C. HIPPLE, *Grand Generalissimo, Commanding.*

Aid—E. Sir D. GALE FRENCH, *Grand Sword Bearer.*

Kedron, No. 18, Greensburg, 40 Knights.
Mt. Olivet, No. 30, Erie, 31 Knights.
Hutchinson, No. 32, Norristown, 20 Knights.
Allegheny, No. 35, Allegheny, 90 Knights.
Mary, No. 36, Philadelphia, 50 Knights.

Third Division.

E. Sir JOHN J. WADSWORTH, *Grand Captain-General, Commanding.*

Aid—E. Sir JOHN MCKAIN, *Grand Warder.*

St. Alban, No. 47, Philadelphia, 32 Knights.
Tancred No. 48, Pittsburgh, 128 Knights.
Rebecca, No. 50, Sharon, 35 Knights.
Kensington, No. 54, Philadelphia, 18 Knights.
Ascalon, No. 59, Allegheny, 61 Knights.
Oriental, No. 61, Johnstown, 35 Knights.
Lawrence, No. 62, New Castle, 40 Knights.

While the sky was lowering and rain threatened every moment, and which in a large measure deterred a considerable number from appearing on Parade and Review, yet, all things considered, it was one of the most satisfactory, both as to appearance and discipline, that has yet been had in Pennsylvania.

TOURNOI AND RECEPTION.

Seldom, if ever, has such a sight been witnessed in Pittsburgh as was that at the Tournoi and Reception in the evening, at the Grand Opera House. The ladies in full dress, the gentlemen in full Templar uniform, combined, made a picture complete in itself. The house was beautifully decorated; the music was charming, and every one seemed determined to enjoy himself, notwithstanding the crush and push of the crowd present.

The following programme was prepared :—

Introductory, at 8 P. M.

Reception of the R. E. Grand Commander, Lee S. Smith, and other Grand Officers, with Templar honors, at 8.30 P. M.

Exhibition Drill, by St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, of Philadelphia, E. Sir Joseph S. Wright, commanding; Tancred Commandery, No. 48, of Pittsburgh, E. Sir Lewis T. Brown, commanding; Allegheny Commandery, No. 35,

Allegheny, Sir William R. Heckert, commanding; Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, of Pittsburgh, E. Sir Matthew M. Felker, commanding.

The exhibition drill was closely watched by all. As each Commandery, after having added to the pleasure of the audience, filed from the floor, it was pronounced THE BEST; and when the last one had finished and retired, it was the universal decision that each had done its best, and the four combined could not be excelled by any four in the country.

It was half-past ten o'clock before the Grand March was commenced, and from that time until morning, pleasure reigned supreme.

The greatest credit is due to the Committees in charge of the reception, etc., for the complete success of their arrangements and the enjoyment of the visiting Knights and their ladies.

Grand Commandery

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave.

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 22, 1888.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania assembled in Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave in the Grand Opera House, Fifth avenue, in the city of Pittsburgh, on Tuesday afternoon, May 22, 1888, at three o'clock.

The Grand Recorder called the roll of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Commanderies, when the following were reported to be present:—

R. E. Sir Knight LEE S. SMITH, ...	*R. E. Gr. Commander.*
V. E. Sir Knight WILLIAM W. ALLEN, . . .	*V. E. Dep. Gr. Com.*
E. Sir Knight TORRENCE C. HIPPLE, . . .	*E. Gr. Generalissimo.*
E. Sir Knight JOHN J. WADSWORTH, ...	*E. Gr. Capt. General.*
E. Sir Knight Rev. W. HENRY PLATT, . . .	*E. Gr. Prelate.*
E. Sir Knight JOSEPH S. WRIGHT, ...	*E. Gr. Sr. Warden.*
E. Sir Knight JAMES H. CODDING, ...	*E. Gr. Jr. Warden.*
E. Sir Knight M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, . . .	*E. Gr. Treasurer.*
E. Sir Knight CHARLES E. MEYER, ...	*E. Gr. Recorder.*
E. Sir Knight EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . .	*E. Gr. Standard B'rer.*
E. Sir Knight D. GALE FRENCH, ...	*E. Gr. Sword Bearer.*
E. Sir Knight JOHN MCKAIN, ...	*E. Gr. Warder.*
E. Sir Knight N. P. RAMSEY, ...	*E. Gr. C. of Guard, p. t.*
E. Sir Knight LEWIS T. BROWN, ...	*Gr. Marshal.*

Past Grand Commanders.—R. E. Sir Knights EDMUND H. TURNER, GETER C. SHIDLE, SAMUEL B. DICK, DEWITT C. CARROLL, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., CHARLES W. BATCHELOR.

Grand Representatives.

E. Sir Knight WILLIAM J. KELLY, . . .	Gr. Com'y of	Colorado.
E. Sir Knight JOHN L. YOUNG, ...	" "	Indiana.
R. E. Sir Knight GETER C. SHIDLE, . .	" "	Iowa.
E. Sir Knight CHARLES E. MEYER, . .	" "	Maine.
R. E. Sir Knight GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,	" "	Maryland.
E. Sir Knight WILLIAM H. DICKSON, . .	" "	N. Carolina.
R. E. Sir Knight DEWITT C. CARROLL, .	" "	Tennessee.
E. Sir Knight N. P. RAMSEY, ...	" "	Texas.
E. Sir Knight TORRENCE C. HIPPLE, . .	" "	Virginia.
E. Sir Knight SAMUEL HARPER, ...	" "	Vermont.
R. E. Sir Knight LEE S. SMITH, ...	" "	Dakota.

Also the following Commanderies.—

No. 1—Pittsburgh.

William C. Wright, E. C.

James B. Youngston, C. G.

Past Commanders.—Geter C. Shidle, P. G. C.; George Glass; George Neeld; David M. Watt; J. Lilond Lytle; Charles W. Batchelor, P. G. C.; William B. Meredith; John B. Arnold; James H. Murdoch; William J. Carson; John W. Douglass; Thomas J. Hudson; John McKain, G.W.; Matthew M. Felker.

No. 2—Philadelphia.

Alexander Kinnier, E. C.

Edward T. Alburger, G. Richard Maris, C. G.

Past Commanders.—Anthony E. Stocker, M. D., P. G. M., *M. Richards Mucklé, proxy;* M. Richards Mucklé, G. T.; Charles H. Kingston, P. G. C., *M. Richards Mucklé, proxy;* Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., P. G. C.; John A. Wright, P. G. C., *M. Richards Mucklé, proxy;* Ellsworth H. Hults; Amos H. Hall; Frank M. Highley; Robert J. Linden.

No. 3—Jacques De Molay.

John K. McMillan, E. C.

George A. Carsten, G.

No. 4—St. Johns.

W. Harry Stirling, E. C.

Joseph Butler, G., *W. Harry Stirling, proxy;* Wm. Allison Cochran, C. G., *W. Harry Stirling, proxy.*

Past Commander.—William H. Dickson.

No. 7—St. Omer.

Jesse M. Bowell, E. C.

John S. Marsh, G. George W. Smith, C. G.

Past Commanders.—William Chatland, P. G. C. G.; George Campbell; Michael A. Cox.

No. 8—St. John's, Carlisle.

William R. Baillie, E. C.

George A. Rea, G., *William R. Baillie, proxy;* Winfield S. Schroder, C. G., *William R. Baillie, proxy.*

No. 9—De Molay.

Henry J. Hunsicker, E. C.

George F. Hageman, G., *Henry J. Hunsicker, proxy;* Harry A. Maurer, C. G., *Henry J. Hunsicker, proxy.*

Past Commanders.—William H. Strickland, P. G. C., *Henry J. Hunsicker, proxy;* Abr. Seivard.

No. 10—Mountain.

Herman L. Delo, E. C.

Past Commanders.—Edmund H. Turner, P. G. C.; Benjamin F. Irving; John C. Hurd; William S. Lingenfelter.

No. 11—Pilgrim.

Daniel H. Heisey, E. C.

John H. Shopp, C. G.

Past Commanders.—William H. Egle, P. G. C., *Luther R. Kelker, proxy;* John Vallerchamp, P. G. C., *Luther R. Kelker, proxy;* William L. Gorgas; Luther Kelker.

No. 12—Crusade.

David J. Rogers, E. C.

James M. Staver, G., *D. J. Rogers, proxy;* P. S. Herman, C. G., *D. J. Rogers, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Christian Fred. Knapp, P. G. C., *D. J. Rogers, proxy.*

No. 13—Lancaster.

George H. Rothermel, E. C.

George A. Marshall, G.

Past Commanders.—David H. Wylie; Geo. R. Welchans, M. D.; Joel S. Eaby; Charles A. Fondersmith; William O. Marshall; Joshua L. Lyte.

No. 14—Palestine.

Silas A. McMullen, E. C.

John M. Stewart, G., *Silas A. McMullen, proxy;* John O. Miles, C. G., *Silas A. McMullen, proxy.*

Past Commanders.—William B. Baker; Joseph Alexander, P. G. C., *Silas A. McMullen, proxy;* Gustave T. Swigert.

No. 15—Jerusalem.

William Henry Bitting, E. C.

George S. Cascadan, G., *Wm. H. Bitting, proxy;* William H. Harvey, C. G., *Wm. H. Bitting, proxy.*

Past Commanders.—John A. Vanderslice; Nehemiah C. Vanderslice.

No. 16—Northern.

William B. Heckman, E. C.

William H. Dodge, C. G.

Past Commanders.—Henry B. McKean, P. G. C., *James H. Codding, proxy;* James H. Codding, G. J. W.

No. 17—Cœur de Lion.

Joseph E. Payfair, E. C., *C. L. Van Buskirk, proxy.*

C. L. Van Buskirk, G.; Charles D. Sanderson, C. G., *C. L. Van Buskirk, proxy.*

No. 18—Kedron.

James B. Laux, G.

Past Commanders.—William M. Singer; Cyrus N. Stark.

No. 19—Hugh de Payens.

Jacob Sandt, E. C.

George Seiple, G., *Jacob Sandt, proxy;* James T. Woodring, C. G., *Jacob Sandt, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Luther M. Fine.

No. 20—Allen.

Henry C. Wagner, E. C.

Joseph A. Weaver, G., *H. C. Wagner, proxy;* Morris D. Kaufman, *H. C. Wagner, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Edwin G. Martin, M. D., P. G. C., *H. C. Wagner, proxy.*

No. 21—York.

George W. S. Loucks, E. C.

Alfred G. Sultzbach, G., *George W. S. Loucks, proxy;* John B. Sprenkel, C. G., *George W. S. Loucks, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Edwin C. Epley.

No. 22—Baldwin II.

Alexander Beede, E. C., *D. B. Else, proxy.*

Henry S. Andrus, G., *D. B. Else, proxy;* John Paul Swiss, C. G., *D. B. Else, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Daniel Bailey Else.

No. 23—Packer.

Byron Esser, E. C., *L. H. Barber, proxy.*

John H. Heckman, G., *L. H. Barber, proxy;* Charles E. Foster, C. G., *L. H. Barber, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Laird H. Barber.

No. 24—Hermit.

Calvin W. Brower, E. C.

John K. Raudenbush, G., *C. W. Brower, proxy;* Frank A. Reinoehl, C. G., *C. W. Brower, proxy.*

Past Commanders.—Grant Weidman, P. G. C., *C. W. Brower, proxy;* J. P. S. Gobin, P. G. C., D. G. M., *C. W. Brower, proxy.*

No. 25—Northwestern.

Winfield S. Rose, E. C.

William A. Rupert, G., *W. S. Rose, proxy;* M. W. Sackett, C. G., *W. S. Rose, proxy.*

Past Commanders.—Samuel B. Dick, P. G. C.; John Dick; Sturgis T. Dick.

No. 26—Lewistown.

Joseph S. Martin, E. C., *C. A. Zerbe, proxy.*

Landon C. Haskett, G., *C. A. Zerbe, proxy*; Frank J. Zerbe, C. G.

Past Commanders.—Charles A. Zerbe; Henry R. Zerbe; Rev. William Henry Platt, G. P.; Harry M. Vanzandt; Henry A. Felix.

No. 27—Great Bend.

John W. Larabee, E. C., *J. W. Dusenbury, proxy.*

John W. Dusenbury, G.; W. J. Day, C. G., *J. W. Dusenbury, proxy.*

Past Commanders.—John H. Dusenbury, P. G. C., *J. W. Dusenbury, proxy;* Albert H. Falkenburg.

No. 29—Kadosh.

Alfred H. Bolton, E. C.

William A. Foster, G.; Charles W. Burkhart, C. G., *W. Aday Foster, proxy.*

Past Commanders.—Michael Nisbet; Samuel Wheaton Wray; John Sterling.

No. 30—Mt. Olivet.

Frank McSparren, E. C.

Henry W. DeWitt, G. D. Samuel Crawford, C. G.

Past Commanders.—John J. Wadsworth, G. C. G.; Samuel B. Kennedy; Peter D. Faulkner.

No. 31—Ivanhoe.

I. Y. Sollenberger, P. E. C., E. C.

Thomas S. Hess, P. E. C. G.; Richard Boyd, C. G., *I. Y. Sollenberger, proxy.*

Past Commander.—George F. Brendel, M. D.

No. 32—Hutchinson.

William E. Perry, E. C.

B. Frank Dewees, C. G.

Past Commanders.—Edmund A. Kite; Thaddeus S. Adle; Charles I. Baker; Samuel J. Long; William F. Slingluff.

No. 33--Constans.

William F. Reynolds, E. C.

George W. Dickey, C. G.

No. 34—Cyrene.

John Westerman, E. C.

Thomas M. Livingstone, G., *J. Westerman, proxy;* Amaziah C. Keim, C. G., *J. Westerman, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Andrew J. Kauffman, P. G. C., *J. Westerman, proxy.*

No. 35—Allegheny.

Joseph T. Nevin, E. C.

George C. Johnstone, G. Stephen M. Reynolds, C. G.

Past Commanders.—William Hamilton; James E. Stevenson; William H. Slack; Joseph H. Elton; James H. Horner; Rev. James Johnson McIllyar; Lee Stewart Smith, G. C.; William A. Bown; Andrew G. Williams.

No. 36—Mary.

Thomas J. Belville, E. C.

Arthur A. Muth, G. Charles W. Packer, C. G.

Past Commanders.—William J. Kelly; John L. Young; Charles E. Meyer, G. R.; William H. Burkhardt; William B. Smith: Alexander McCune; Ezra S. Bartlett.

No. 37—Calvary.

Jno. W. Farnsworth, P. E. C., E. C.

Elliott R. Morgan, G., *J. W. Farnsworth, proxy;* Elias S. Miller, C. G., *J. W. Farnsworth, proxy.*

No. 38—Rose Croix.

John C. Goetchius, E. C.

John S. Bradley, G., *John C. Goetchius, proxy;* Joseph J. McCrum, C. G., *John C. Goetchius, proxy.*

No. 39—Prince of Peace.

William A. Phillips, E. C.

George W. Parmley, G. Albert L. Laubenstine, C. G.

Past Commander.—Emil C. Wagner.

No. 40—Knapp.

Past Commander.—C. V. Gillis.

No. 41—Constantine.

Stephen A. Thurlow, E. C., *W. D. Pollard, proxy.*

Christian F. Conrad, G. G., *W. D. Pollard, proxy;* Albert Robinson, C. G., *W. D. Pollard, proxy.*

Past Commander.—William D. Pollard.

No. 42—Reading.

Thomas P. Merritt, E. C.

Past Commanders.—Frederick P. Heller; George A. Schlecter; John Barbey.

No. 43—Talbot.

Rev. John N. MacGonigle, E. C., *John J. Fisher, proxy.*

John Howard Payne, G., *John J. Fisher, proxy;* Horatio Nelson Arnold, C. G., *John J. Fisher, proxy.*

Past Commander.—John J. Fisher.

No. 45—Dieu le Veut.

E. O. Weeks, E. C.

S. B. Vaughn, C. G.

No. 46—Hospitaller.

Robert S. Barker, E. C.

Edward D. Trump, Jr., G., *R. S. Barker, proxy;* John Noble, C. G., *R. S. Barker, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Torrence C. Hipple, G. G.

No. 47—St. Alban.

George P. Wilson, E. C.

John R. McFetridge, G. Isaac A. Cleaver, C. G.

Past Commanders.—William W. Allen, D. G. C.; Joseph S. Wright, G. S. W.; Arthur H. Woodward; Edwin H. Coane; Elvin Klautsheck.

No. 48—Tancred.

James Kerr, Jr., E. C.

William S. Brown, C. G.

Past Commanders.—De Witt C. Carroll, P. G. C.; Samuel Harper; Charles C. Baer; George T. Oliver; Benjamin Darlington; Americus V. Holmes; Lewis T. Brown; David A. Stevenson; George N. Monro; Alexander M. Keppel.

No. 49—Uniontown.

Levi S. Geddes, E. C., *W. Hunt, proxy.*

Wilbur T. Moore, C. G., *W. Hunt, proxy.*

Past Commander.—W. Hunt.

No. 50—Rebecca.

George L. Williams, E. C., *H. Orchard, proxy.*

William M. McCormick, G., *H. Orchard, proxy;* John C. Owsley, C. G., *H. Orchard, proxy.*

Past Commander—Harry Orchard.

No. 51—Clarence.

Jerome R. Graves, P. E. C., E. C.

Charles H. Wasson, C. G.

No. 53—Corinthian "Chasseur."

Philip J. Umstead, E. C.

William Clark, G. William Coleman, C. G.

Past Commander.—Edward B. Spencer, G. St'd B.

No. 54—Kensington.

Charles C. Tull, E. C.

Mathias Seddinger, G. William H. Senderling, C. G.

Past Commanders.—Stephen C. Fraley; Isaac Albertson; Albert A. Witsil; John G. Brueckman.

No. 55—Centennial.

Morris E. Shields, E. C., *F. B. Speakman, proxy.*

Robert H. Hepburn, G., *F. B. Speakman, proxy;* William B. Sharpe, C. G., *F. B. Speakman, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Frank B. Speakman.

No. 56—Continental.

William H. Beck, P. E. C., E. C.

Albert F. Clark, G., *W. H. Beck, proxy;* Reid W. Barnheisel, C. G., *W. H. Beck, proxy.*

No. 57—Wyoming Valley.

Adam Harkness, E. C., *J. D. Green, proxy.*

Archie McI. Dewitt, G., *J. D. Green, proxy;* John A. Law, C. G., *J. D. Green, proxy.*

Past Commander.—John D. Green.

No. 58—Trinity.

Harry A. Marlin, E. C., *C. L. Wheeler, proxy.*

Edmond J. Sawyer, G., *C. L. Wheeler, proxy;* Harry Ford Barbour, C. G., *C. L. Wheeler, proxy.*

Past Commanders.—Charles L. Wheeler; Winfield S. Watson.

No. 59—Ascalon.

James McNeil, E. C.

James M. Sprague, G. William M. Anthon, C. G.

Past Commanders.—Nathaniel P. Ramsey; Lewis Stuckrath; William Stuart; John Adam Reed; James Tullough McIntosh; Edward Payson Kerr; Charles J. Cassity; D. Gale French, G. Sw'd B., James Wilson.

No. 60—Temple.

S. Judson Stark, E. C., *F. H. Piatt, proxy.*

Truman B. Vosburg, G.; *F. H. Piatt, proxy;* Clarence A. Little, C. G., *F. H. Piatt, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Frank H. Piatt.

No. 61—Oriental.

William H. Rosensteel, E. C.

John P. Linton, G. Alexander McKeever, C. G.

Past Commanders.—John H. Dibert; Henry H. Kuhn.

No. 62—Lawrence.

William T. Butz, E. C.

John C. Wallace, C. G.

Past Commanders.—Leander Raney; Charles Matthews; Robert A. Wallace.

No. 63—Warren.

Nelson Moore, E. C., *C. E. Corbett, proxy.*

George L. Friday, G., *C. E. Corbett, proxy*; Christian W. Uhdey, C. G., *C. E. Corbett, proxy.*

Past Commander.—Clarence E. Corbett.

No. 64—Canton.

John A. Innes, E. C.

The Grand Recorder reported that a constitutional number of the Commanderies were represented, when the R. E. Grand Commander was pleased to open the Grand Commandery, when the sentinel was posted and the Sir Knights pitched their tents.

The Sir Knights were led in their devotions by the Grand Prelate.

The reading of the records of the Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave was then begun, when the further reading was dispensed with, the same having been printed, and the records as printed were approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented the printed roll call as their report.

A motion to admit all Sir Knights not in full uniform was declared out of order, as the Grand Commandery had previously decided to admit such only on special vote in each case.

Separate motions having been made in several cases, the Sir Knights were excused for this session of the Grand Commandery for not appearing in full uniform.

R. E. Past Grand Commander Sir Knight Geter C. Shidle then made the following address of welcome on behalf of the Sir Knights of Pittsburgh and Allegheny City:—

R. E. Grand Commander:—

The pleasant duty has fallen to my lot, as chairman of the General Committee composing the Commanderies of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, to tender to you and your Grand Officers, and to all the visiting Sir Knights, hearty salutation and welcome to our city.

We rejoice that, after another year has passed, we have been spared to have the honor and the pleasure of meeting you again; and although we may have been called upon to step aside to moisten the grave of a fallen pilgrim with affection's holiest tear, let us join together to-day in returning thanks to the Giver of all good gifts—for life, health and the manifold blessings and comforts which we enjoy. We see around us many old familiar faces that call up pleasant recollections and associations. We see here to-day Sir Knights hailing from all parts of our jurisdiction and sister States, grasping each other's hand in warm fraternal welcome, renewing old associations, and forming new friendships that will never be broken.

We have looked forward to this Conclave with many pleasing anticipations, and we believe they will be more than realized.

It is unnecessary for me to say that we are glad to welcome you, Right Eminent Sir, for you have grown up in our midst, and are of us and with us.

We bid you all welcome to our tents; enter and partake of our hospitality. Such as we have give we freely unto you; and all we ask is that, in your pilgrimage in our city, if you want anything and don't happen to see it, ask for it, and if our city can produce it you shall have it; for while you are with us our homes are your homes; accept and use them as your own. And now we again bid you welcome to our city; welcome to our homes.

The welcome was, replied to and accepted with thanks by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, R. E. Sir Knight Fred. H. Rehwinkel and the E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, E. Sir Knight John N. Bell were then introduced, and welcomed to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and made partakers of its labors and refreshments.

R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, Grand Commander, then read the following Report of his official doings during the past Templar year, after which, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers :—

Eminent Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

In the Providence of God we are once more assembled in annual conclave for the transaction of business pertaining to our Order.

In accordance with custom it becomes my duty to render to you an account of my official actions as Grand Commander.

To my mind the duties of the head of a great Christian Order, such as this, do not consist solely in performing the official duties devolving upon the office, but also in laboring for the spiritual upbuilding of the Order, and its uplifting to a higher plane of usefulness.

In an order such as our Knighthood, "founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues," our duties are made so plain and our privileges so apparent that none need ask what he should do.

There are those who seem to think that all their work in life consists in enjoying its pleasures in a purely worldly way, apparently having no conception of the moral obligations resting upon them, never for a moment realizing that, no matter what their station, they must exert an influence on those with whom they come in contact, that long after we have passed away our words and deeds will go ringing down the corridors of time, exerting an influence for either good or evil.

The work of charity, chief of graces, properly exercised by us, should teach our brethren the higher walks of life, as well as that—

"It is not all of life to live,
Nor all of death to die."

To teach that this life is probationary, given us in which to prepare for the great hereafter, is the work of the true Knight Templar.

The mortality of the human body is the visible sign, shown on all sides, apparent to every one, and needs no argument or illustration.

The immortality of the soul we are taught in the Great Light of Masonry, the Holy Bible, as well as by every teaching, precept and principle of the Order.

Had I been content with merely performing the official duties devolving upon this office I would have been false to my vows, not only of office but of Knighthood as well.

Accepting the duties laid down in our ritual as having a meaning and intent, and my vows of office as binding, I have honestly tried to carry out the spirit as well as the letter of my duties by teaching the Word, and striving, by example as well as by precept, that the spiritual character of the Order should take at least one step upward, sowing the seeds of truth, praying God's blessing on the harvest.

No member of our Order loves or enjoys the social features of the same more than do I; but in reality we are only fitted to enjoy life truly and in all its fulness when we are living proper lives and doing good to others.

There may be members of the Order attracted to it by its glitter and show, who think only of having a good time, and heeding not its moral character; if so, it should be our special aim to teach them its higher and nobler privileges.

Were the question propounded to each member of the Order, "Do you believe in God and the Divinity of Christ?" I doubt not the answer would be, yes, I believe, for everything in our Order is founded on that belief. Then comes the all-important question: Is such a belief, of itself, sufficient? To obtain an answer, let us consult the Word of God. Listen to Christ's words to those following Him and calling Him Lord: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" This answer is just as applicable to us as to

the followers of Christ while on earth. "If ye love me, keep my commandments," should be as real to us as to them.

So, in looking over the Templar year just closed, let us ask ourselves, have we, as professed soldiers of the Cross, lived up to our privileges and opportunities?

The days of carnage and bloodshed, under the banner of the Cross, have long passed away, and I pray God they may never return. Men have outgrown the idea that the possession of the Holy Sepulchre and Holy City are necessary adjuncts to the success of the religion of Christ; and the church now teaches that the Temple of Christ is in the heart of man, made fit for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit by spiritual renewal.

Would we prepare ourselves to dwell in the great hereafter? Would we fulfil the intent of our Creator? Let us each in his sphere labor for the benefit of our fellow man.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters,
Ye who have abundant store;
It may float on many a billow,
It may strand on many a shore.
You may think it lost forever,
But, as sure as God is true,
In this world, or in the other,
It will yet return to you."

Knights, professed soldiers of Christ, do you love your Order? Yea more, do you love the cause it represents? Do you desire that the world shall be better for your having lived in it? Do you desire that you shall be loved and honored long after "this mortal shall have put on immortality?" Do you desire ready admission into the celestial asylum above? If so, then buckle on the armor; see to it that you are ever ready for duty; that the banner of the Cross is ever in the thickest of the battle for God and the right, and that no stain, by word or act of yours, shall ever dim its fair color. Let our motto ever in spirit be "In hoc signo vinces."

My year as Grand Commander has been a most pleasant one. Peace has hovered over our jurisdiction. I have had the hearty co-operation of all the Grand Officers, and especially of the Grand Recorder, who has cheerfully rendered advice and assistance on all occasions.

I have made personal official visitations as far as it was in my power to do so, and I am pleased to report that the Order is not only prosperous numerically and financially, but is taking a higher moral standing.

The Grand Encampment.

It seems rather late in the day to make either reference to or report of the doings of this Grand Body, but owing to the inability of our then Grand Commander Graham to be present, I deem it but proper that I should at least refer to it.

My own experience in the Grand Encampment has been limited; but from my knowledge of its doings, obtained from the printed proceedings, I feel safe in saying that the conclave at St. Louis was more thoroughly devoted to the transaction of business than any of its predecessors. I am a firm believer in the usefulness of our Grand Encampment, and the desirability of its perpetuity, but heartly concur in the idea of dispensing with the inducement for attendance of subordinate Commanderies, by prohibiting parades of any kind during, or connected with its session, for two main reasons :—

First.—The Grand Encampment, being a legislative body, should have nothing transpiring to interfere with its strict attendance to business, which the presence of the great masses of the Order certainly does.

Second.—The congregation of such great numbers of the members of the Order has a tendency to cause a forgetfulness of those high moral and religious teachings and the principles of the Order in the strife to show the greatest hospitality. I need define myself no farther to those of you who have been in attendance at these great gatherings.

In justice to our Pennsylvania delegation, I will say that they were in their places at all meetings of the Grand Encampment.

I deem it most unfortunate that the consideration of the New Ritual was postponed until the extra day, Friday, when nearly all the representatives of not only our own Grand Commandery, but of nearly all others, were compelled by their arrangements and engagements to be absent, as by this course, I am satisfied that it was hurried through without due consideration.

The New Ritual.

As announced in General Orders No. 1, the New Ritual of the orders of Red Cross and Temple, was sent to the subordinate Commanderies prior to our last Annual Conclave, and should govern all Commanderies in their work. That it has merits I will not deny, yet it also has some grave imperfections.

It is in no spirit of fault finding or censoriousness, that I call attention to its defects, but because I wish to present them to our representatives to the next Grand Encampment, so that they may be corrected.

First.—It presumes to settle definitely one of the greatest theological questions of the day, by asserting that Christ referred to temporal death in his prayer, "Let this cup pass from me." I hardly think it the province of our Order to settle such a question.

Second.—The New Ritual informs us that seven Knights Templar may open a Commandery and transact business, while the Book of the Law, which is above all rituals, positively states, that in order to open a Commandery for the transaction of business, there must be present nine Knights Templar entitled to vote, including an officer entitled to preside. (Book of the Law, Section 33.)

Third.—The recognized raps of the Commandery have always been twelve, but without any explanation for so doing the New Ritual substitutes eight and nine, thus encroaching on the Chapter. This to my mind is clearly a mistake.

Fourth.—While I approve of the inspection and rehearsal at opening, I think it a mistake to make it compulsory, and not leave it to the judgment of the Eminent Commander.

Fifth.—The New Ritual, in its reading, presumes that the Order of the Red Cross is a separate body, having its by-laws, minutes, etc., while such is not the case. Without referring to mistakes in language, etc., I come to what is to my mind one of the greatest defects of the ritual, viz.: The omission of the Apostles' Creed. Why it should be abolished or omitted, I cannot conceive. If we, as an Order, have advanced backward to such a degree as to be unable or unwilling to pronounce the Creed as the foundation of our Order, then we are worse than hypocrites, we are traitors to our profession, and the sooner we dissolve our organization the better it will be for our consistency. For my part,

whenever I cannot honestly and earnestly repeat the Creed, I shall cross the threshold of the asylum never to return.

In conclusion, I think it a grave mistake to put the entire ritual in print, and, when it was done, to limit the supply to one copy to each Subordinate Commandery, allowing none to Division Commanders or Inspectors, and yet expecting them to correct and criticise its rendition. Considering the change of raps, and omission of Creed as certainly errors, I thought proper, in General Orders, No. 1, to recommend the raps as formerly, and the retention of the Creed. In question as to number (mentioned in the Ritual) necessary to transact business in a Commandery, you will see by decisions that I have declared it contrary to the law, and therefore void, and I understand that M. E. Grand Master Roome has since sustained that position.

Official Courtesies.

By special invitation, and accompanied by the Grand Recorder, I paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Commandery of Ohio, at the Annual Conclave, held October 11 and 12, 1887, in the city of Columbus. We were most courteously received by that Grand Body, and welcomed by R. E. Sir Lafayette Lytle and the other Grand Officers. Everything was done to make our visitation pleasant and agreeable.

On January 26th, accompanied by the Grand Recorder, I visited New York City for the purpose of attending the reception of Palestine Commandery, No. 18. We were received and most hospitably entertained by Sir Knights E. B. Harper, J. W. Rich and others of Palestine, as well as by R. E. Sir Grand Commander of New York, and other of the Grand Officers. In the afternoon, by special invitation, we attended a banquet at the Lotus Club, given by M. W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, to the Grand Commandery Officers. The occasion was one of great pleasure, and we shall ever remember the illustrious brethren and fraters with whom we became acquainted.

On January 25th, by invitation of the Ladies' Committee of Kadosh Commandery, stationed in Philadelphia, I officiated for them in the presentation of a beautiful banner to Kadosh Commandery. Past Grand Commander Graham

represented the Commandery, by receiving the banner in their behalf. The Committee, as well as the Commandery, are to be congratulated on the success of the occasion.

Official Visitation.

September 21st.—Visited St. Omer Commandery, No. 7, stationed at Brownsville.

October 20th.—Visited Jacques De Molay Commandery, No. 3, stationed at Washington.

October 25th.—Visited Kedron Commandery, No. 18, stationed at Greensburg.

January 27th.—Visited St. John's Commandery, No. 4, stationed at Philadelphia.

February 28th.—Attended a convocation of Commanderies Nos. 1, 3, 7, 18, 35, 48, 49, 59 and 62, the convocation being held in asylum Pittsburgh, under banner and charter of Tancred Commandery, No. 48.

March 15th.—Visited Lawrence Commandery, No. 62, stationed at New Castle.

March 26th.—Visited Mt. Olivet Commandery, No. 30, stationed at Erie.

On occasion of these visitations I was most warmly received, and shall ever remember the kindly welcome of the Fraters.

The convocation in Pittsburgh and the visitation to St. John's, in Philadelphia, were especially important, as on both occasions the asylums were crowded. At all these visitations the work of one or both Orders was exemplified in a most creditable manner, and in nearly all under the new Ritual.

The following Grand Officers were with me on one or more visitations :—

V. E. Sir William W. Allen, *D. G. Com.;* E. Sir John J. Wadsworth, *G. Gen.;* E. Sir Joseph S. Wright, *G. S. Warden;* E. Sir Charles E. Meyer, *G. Recorder;* E. Sir Edward Spencer, *G. S. Bearer;* E. Sir John McKain, *G. Warder;* E. Sir John H. Marchand, *G. Cap. of Guard;* also R. E. Sir Geter C. Shidle, *P. G. C.;* E. Sir Chas. C. Baer, and others.

During the month of April I officially visited Commanderies Nos. 1, 35, 48 and 59, stationed in Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and installed their officers.

January 27th I called a meeting of the Grand Officers to be held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, to carry out the instructions of the Grand Commandery, by considering the question of uniform and completing the tactics for publication. Our report on uniform has been sent to all the subordinate Commanderies. The tactics were carefully revised and corrected and orders given for publication.

Dispensations.

June 1.—I received communication from the Grand Commander of New Jersey, stating that Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, of Camden, granted permission to St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, to receive and act upon the petition of E. P., a resident of Haddonfield.

June 6.—I received communication from E. Sir Irving C. Wanger, Division Commander, forwarding request from the Eminent Commander of Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, that he be granted permission to have his Commandery appear in public at any time during the year for the purpose of visiting other Commanderies. I answered that I could not grant such general permission, but if Commandery No. 32 desired to appear in public, and would notify me of occasion and date, I would act on such application.

June 16.—I granted dispensation to Hospitaller Commandery, No. 46, to hold a special election for Recorder; vacancy caused by death.

June 18.—I received a communication from the Eminent Commander of Kensington Commandery, No. 54, asking for dispensation for Commandery to appear in public for drill and reception, which I referred back to Commandery, as the communication had neither the seal of the Commandery nor the endorsement of the Division Commander.

July 18.—I received request from Lewistown Commandery, No. 26, for a dispensation to receive petition, ballot, and, if approved, confer the orders upon Companion William F. Robeson, M. D. Companion Robeson had been resident physician of the Will's Eye and Ear Hospital, Philadelphia, but had recently received an appointment in a hospital in Vienna, Austria, and in order to accept the same must leave the United States about July 26th; this seemed to be an

extraordinary case, and being strongly endorsed and recommended by E. Sir Charles A. Zerbe, commanding Division No. 10, I granted dispensation on condition that notices be sent to each member of the Commandery, giving name of candidate and object of meeting, notice to be sent in time to reach each member prior to Conclave.

July 23.—I authorized E. Sir Charles L. Wheeler, commanding Division No. 6, to install E. Sir Joseph H. Simonds Grand Sword Bearer, at regular Conclave of Trinity Commandery, No. 58.

August 2.—Received communication from Warren Commandery, No. 63, asking as to propriety of addressing communication to Commanderies of Pennsylvania on behalf of the widow and orphans of a Sir Knight who lost his life and property in a fire at Clarendon, Pa. I answered that, I considered such action on their part would be consistent with the principles of the Order, and, therefore, granted permission.

August 20.—Received communication from Chairman of Committee on Processional in commemoration of the promulgation of the Constitution of the United States, to be held in Philadelphia, asking that the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania participate. I answered that, in my judgment, it would not be consistent for the Order to do so, as I understood that it would not be strictly a Masonic parade, but that I would communicate with Commanderies in Philadelphia. I wrote V. E. Sir W. W. Allen, commanding Division No. 2, asking him to consult with the officers of his Division. He did so, and reported adversely. I thereupon notified the Chairman that the Order would not participate.

October 17.—I received communication from Jerusalem Commandery, No. 15, asking for dispensation to receive and ballot on petition of Companion Robert H. Simmons, at regular Conclave to be held October 22d, as said Companion was about to move to South America, and could not wait regular time. As case was strongly recommended, I granted dispensation, provided that each member of the Commandery should be notified of proposed action prior to Conclave.

January 18.—I granted dispensation to Northern Commandery, No. 18, to hold a special election for Captain General, as their Generalissimo had moved to Colorado, and the Captain General was about moving to New York, thus

leaving no one in line eligible to office of Eminent Commander. Election to be held January 25th, and all members to be notified.

February 24.—By request of the Grand Commander of North Carolina, I granted permission to Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery, No. 53, to confer the orders of Red Cross and Temple upon Companion R. N. Mitchel, approved in Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, of Raleigh, N. C.

March 29. — I granted dispensation to Clarence Commandery, No. 51, to hold a special election for Captain General, as the C. G. elect could not serve.

April 30. — I granted dispensation to Mountain Commandery, No. 10, stationed at Altoona, to ballot upon a petition received at last stated Conclave, at a special Conclave to be held in May, as the Companion will permanently remove from the State prior to next Conclave; provided, that each member of the Commandery is notified of such proposed action.

April 30.—I granted dispensation to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, to change May Conclave from May 22d to 15th.

May 9. — Received communication from Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, asking for dispensation to ballot upon applicant at special meeting. There being no reasons assigned for such request, I refused.

May 11.—Granted dispensation to Knapp Commandery, No. 40, to hold special election of officers at stated Conclave in May, they having failed to do so in March.

May 17.—I granted dispensation to Jacques De Molay Commandery, No. 3, to receive and ballot on petition of Companion T——— M——— at regular Conclave, May 18th. Explanation :—

The petition of Companion M——— had been received by the Commandery at March Conclave. Committee reported favorably at April Conclave; but, prior to that time, the Grand Master, for a supposed irregularity, had issued an edict striking his name from the roll of his Lodge; thereupon the Eminent Commander allowed the petition to be withdrawn for want of jurisdiction. This because the officers in the Lodge are also officers in the Commandery, and knew of the edict, though it had not been promulgated in open Lodge. Prior to its promulgation in the Lodge, the edict

was revoked by the Grand Master (as it had been made under a misapprehension), thus leaving the Companion in good standing, and consequently a proper candidate for Commandery.

I granted the following dispensations for public installation of officers:—

Hermit Commandery, No. 24; Reading Commandery, No. 42; Oriental Commandery, No. 61; Warren Commandery, No. 63; Canton Commandery, No. 64.

Appearance in Public.

I granted the following dispensations for appearance in public in Templar uniform:—

September 29.—To Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, for purpose of visiting De Molay, No. 9.

October 14.—To Kedron, No. 18, to have public parade on occasion of visitation of Grand Officers.

January 19.—To Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, for purpose of reception.

January 19.—To Lawrence Commandery, No. 62, for reception.

January 27.—To Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, for public presentation of banner.

February 1.—To Hutchinson Commandery, No. 37, to visit Cyrene Commandery of New Jersey.

February 4.—To Jerusalem Commandery, No. 15, to meet Reading Commandery on occasion of their visitation.

February 14.—To Kensington Commandery, No. 54, to pay visit to Cyrene Commandery of New Jersey.

February 21.—To Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, to receive Kensington on 22d.

May 5.—To Warren Commandery, No. 64, to attend services on Sabbath, instead of on Ascension Day.

March 29.—By request of the Grand Commander of New Jersey, permission to Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 1, of New Jersey, to fraternally visit Hugh de Payens, No. 19, stationed at Easton. Also, for Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, of New Jersey, to fraternally visit Kensington Commandery, No. 54, stationed at Philadelphia.

These last two dispensations were granted because of the request of the Grand Commander of New Jersey, and not

because I thought it should be necessary for such action, as I think the permission of their own Grand Commander to appear in public should be all-sufficient, whether they left their own jurisdiction or not. But to change Shakespeare slightly: Custom doth make cowards of us all.

April 4.—To Hutchinson Commandery, No. 32, to visit Kensington Commandery, No. 54, April 9.

Decisions.

Question.—What number of Sir Knights of a Commandery are required to be present in order to open the Commandery and transact business?

Answer.—Nine Knights, members of your Commandery, must be present. See Book of the Law, page 144, section 33.

Question.—Can a Commandery hold a conclave without its Charter being present in the Asylum, said Charter being present in the town or city where the Asylum is situated?

Answer.—The Charter must be present in the Asylum, and should be upon the pedestal of the Eminent Commander.

Question.—Our Eminent Commander, having removed two hundred and fifty miles from our Asylum, yet in the jurisdiction, has turned over the Charter, etc., to me, the Generalissimo, with instructions to me to act for him in all things pertaining to the Commandery. Have I authority to call special meetings, install officers, etc., and if so, whose name should be signed to notices?

Answer.—Yes; you have authority to call special meetings, and do anything else belonging to the office of Eminent Commander. Officers to be installed in accordance with Digest of Templar Law, section 24, part 3.

Answer 2.—The name of the Eminent Commander shall be signed to all notices of meetings, etc., as he is still Eminent Commander, and it is in his name you act.

A Commandery was voting on the adoption of an amendment to By-Laws, when a Sir Knight called the yeas and nays; the Acting Eminent Commander decided the call out of order.

Question 1.—Was he not in error in so doing?

Question 2.—Has a Sir Knight no appeal from the decision of his Eminent Commander?

Answer 1.—Section 50, Constitution of the Grand Encampment, states that all questions shall be determined by a majority vote, and there is nothing in Masonic law allowing the call of yeas and nays; therefore, the Eminent Commander was right. A call of the yeas and nays, under Parliamentary Rules, requires every one to vote; while in our Order there is no such requirement, except in case of ballot.

Answer 2.—Section 51, Constitution of the Grand Encampment, states, "No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander."

If any Sir Knight feels aggrieved, and that he has not been fairly dealt with, he has the right of appeal to the Grand Commander, or to the Grand Commandery.

Question.—On occasion of a Past Grand Commander asking admission to a Subordinate Commandery, what honors should be paid him?

Answer.—There is no law to govern in this matter; but the custom of the Order would certainly suggest that proper respect should be shown one who has been honored by election to the highest office in the gift of the Grand Commandery.

I would, therefore, decide that the Commandery should be formed in two divisions, at a present.

A committee reported unfavorably upon a petition for dubbing and membership; a ballot was had; all the balls were white, and in favor of the applicant. The Eminent Commander thereupon decided the applicant rejected, because the committee had reported unfavorably.

Question 1.—Was the Eminent Commander right in his decision?

Question 2.—In what relation does the applicant stand to the Commandery?

Answer 1.—The Eminent Commander was in error in so deciding, the applicant being approved by ballot, which, irrespective of report of committee, decides the question of approval or rejection.

Answer 2.—The applicant stands approved by the Commandery, and entitled to the orders, unless objected to in accordance with the law.

Question.—Is a Companion Royal Arch Mason, who has lost an arm, eligible to the orders of Knighthood?

Answer.—He is not eligible. See Book of the Law, page 158, sec. 26, par. 1 and 2.

August 26.—I received the resignation of E. Sir Ezra H. Ripple, commanding Division No. 9, as Division Commander. Accepted same, and, upon his recommendation, appointed E. Sir Frank H. Piatt as his successor. Later, I ascertained that E. Sir Piatt was a member of Commandery No. 60, which is not in Division No. 9, and on September 20 revoked his commission, and on October 6 issued commission to E. Sir John S. Hurlburt, of Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 57.

Division Commanders.

In a jurisdiction the size of ours, I deem the present system of appointment of Division Commanders a necessity for the proper care and supervision of the Order, but I would respectfully suggest that the incoming Grand Commander insist on more frequent and minute reports from them regarding their visitations, and the condition of the subordinate Commanderies in their respective divisions, so that the head of the Order may be more fully cognizant of the condition of the same. This refers to but a few of the appointments of the past year, as most of them performed their duties carefully and completely.

Grand Representatives.

To my mind, Grand Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near this Grand Commandery, or our Grand Representatives near other Grand Commanderies, should be more than mere figureheads.

Much good may be done by such officers making report to the Grand Commandery they represent, of all things transpiring of interest to the order.

Revision of the Code.

The Grand Commandery of Ohio, at its last Annual Conclave, passed a resolution urging the revision of the Templar Law at the next Triennial.

To those who attempt to be governed by the Book of the Law, and who find the different decisions and laws conflicting with each other, and the difficulty of being guided by it, will, I think, agree that such revision is essential to the good of the Order, I therefore recommend the passage of a resolution by this Grand Commandery favoring its revision.

New Form of Minutes.

In accordance with resolution of the Grand Commandery, at the last Annual Conclave, the Grand Recorder prepared a form of keeping minutes, for the guidance of subordinate Commanderies; the same met with my hearty approval, and it will be found of great assistance, not only in keeping the minutes, but in deciding almost all questions arising in Commanderies. Copies were sent to all Recorders in the jurisdiction.

Dispensation for New Commandery.

April 18.—I received a petition signed by twelve Knights Templar, asking for a dispensation to form a new Commandery, to be stationed at Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co.

The petition was recommended by Mountain Commandery, No. 10, the nearest Commandery; by the Division Commander, and by many Eminent Sir Knights of that section. The reasons set forth for the need of a new Commandery were so convincing that I heartily recommend the granting of a Charter, thus constituting a new light in the Templar firmament.

April 19.—I received a communication from Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, enclosing request that Cypress Commandery, of Massachusetts, confer the orders of the Temple upon R. C. Knight Lyman A. Jackson, a member of Allegheny Commandery, but now a resident of Massachusetts. I addressed the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, asking that he authorize Cypress Commandery to grant the request.

The Printed Proceedings.

At our last Annual Conclave I stated that I believed all matter for publication was in such shape as to warrant a

promise that the printed proceedings would be issued promptly. And this promise on my part calls for at least a reference to the subject.

I wish to blame no one, but to say that I did all in my power to have my promise fulfilled; but that all my efforts were unavailing, the result shows. But I will say positively at this time, that everything that goes to make up matter for the proceedings is ready, and there can be no cause for delay this year.

Appointments.

The Grand Sword Bearer, E. Sir Joseph H. Simonds, having removed from our jurisdiction, tendered his resignation, which I accepted in April, and appointed E. Sir D. Gale French, of Ascalon Commandery, No. 59, to fill the unexpired term.

Owing to death of E. Sir Edward Masson, the office of Grand Marshal was made vacant. I appointed E. Sir Lewis T. Brown, of Tancred Commandery, No. 48, to fill the unexpired term.

In Memoriam.

While God's goodness has been shown unto us by the success, prosperity and peace of the Order, yet we are reminded of our mortality by calls of death made upon members of our Grand Commandery, summoning the following Sir Knights to their final account:—

E. Sir Edward Masson, Grand Marshal, P. C. of St. John's Commandery, No. 4, stationed in Philadelphia.

E. Sir George V. Maus, P. C. of Mt. Olivet Commandery, No. 30, stationed at Erie.

E. Sir John H. Devore, E. C. of Clarence Commandery, No. 51, stationed at Corry.

E. Sir William Little, P. C., Pittsburgh, No. 1.

E. Sir Dennis F. Dealy, P. C., St. John's, No. 4, Chairman of Committee on By-Laws.

E. Sir Dr. Henry Carpenter, P. C., Lancaster, No. 13.

E. Sir James Ruthven, P. C., Cœur de Lion, No. 17.

E. Sir James Hopkins Rau, P. C., York, No. 21.
E. Sir James Allen Dinkey, P. C., Packer, No. 23.
E. Sir Adolph Steinbrenner, P. C., Calvary, No. 37.
E. Sir James Mackintosh, P. C., Kensington, No. 54.

I have had personal or intimate acquaintance with but five of these, viz.: E. Sir Edward Masson, Grand Marshal, and E. Sir Geo. V. Maus, of Mt. Olivet, of Erie, E. Sir William Little, of No. 1, E. Sir Dennis F. Dealy, of No. 4; John H. Devore, of Clarence, of Corry. No member of the Grand Commandery who has attended our Annual Conclaves but will miss the earnest, honest Grand Marshal, ever ready for duty in any department of the Order, and all will join with me in paying a just tribute to his memory.

Of E. Sirs Little, Maus, Dealy and Devore I can only say of each individually what will be endorsed by all who knew them, viz.: that no more earnest, honest Knight and Christian ever buckled on the sword of the Order. To these as well as all others we bid an official Knightly farewell, trusting to meet them once more in the Grand Asylum above, in that Conclave that shall know no ending.

And now, Sir Knights, my official year as Grand Commander has come to an end. I have in as brief manner as was consistent with the interests of the Order, rendered you an account of my stewardship, all of which I trust may meet with your approval.

While my acts as Grand Commander have ended, my labors in behalf of the interests of our beloved Order and the cause it represents, have not ended. Nor shall they end —God helping me—so long as I live.

Believing that the results of our labors are to go on through eternity, I hope to be ever found with my armor on, battling for the faith.

May God bless each individual member of the Order, and help us to be true and faithful Soldiers of the Cross, and finally greet us with "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The Grand Treasurer, E. Sir Knight M. Richards Mucklé, presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:—

E. Sir Mark Richards Muckle, E. Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Knights Templar.

1887. DR.

May	1.	To Balance	$5,731 91
	14.	To Cash	1,700 00
1888.			
April	17.	To Cash	1,000 00
	27.	"	750 00
		"	903 24
	30.	"	548 66
		"	50 00
			$10,683 81

PAID ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM ACCOUNT.

1887. CR.

May	25.	Lee S. Smith, V. E. Dep. G. Com	$36 18
		W. W. Allen, E. G. Generalissimo	12 00
		Torrence C. Hipple, E. Capt.-General	25 38
		Rev. W. H. Platt, E. G. Prelate	19 74
		J. J. Wadsworth, E. G. Senior Warden	38 76
		Jos. J. Wright, E. G. Junior Warden	12 00
		M. R. Mucklé, E. G. Treasurer	12 00
		C. E. Meyer, E. G. Recorder	12 00
		E. B. Spencer, E. G. Standard Bearer	12 00
		C. C. Baer, E. G. Sword Bearer	33 18
		I. P. Wanger, E. G. Warder	10 02
		J. H. Codding, E. G. Captain of Guard	19 74
		E. Masson, G. Marshal	12 00
		S. W. Wray, Chairman Committee on Mileage and Per Diem	12 00
		M. M. Felker, Commandery, No. 1	33 18
		Harry W. Quick, " " 2	9 00
		J. W. McDowell, " " 3	32 04
		Charles F. Foster, " " 4	6 00
		A. A. J. Gaskill, " " 7	36 42
		S. R. Clandy, " " 8	16 44
		S. V. Huber, " " 9	6 48
		Saml. T. Fries, " " 10	23 22

May 25.	L. R. Kelker,	Commandery,	No. 11...	$15 30
	E. D. Hughes,	"	" 12...	18 42
	J. J. Lyte,	"	" 13...	10 08
	D. R. Nicol,	"	" 14...	19 74
	J. H. Boyer,	"	" 15...	7 68
	Jno. McGovern,	"	" 16...	24 42
	C. M. DeLong,	"	" 17...	18 78
	C. F. Warden,	"	" 18...	25 38
	W. H. King,	"	" 19...	10 08
	J. B. Davis,	"	" 20...	12 66
	L. H. Epply,	"	" 21...	11 58
	W. H. Bloom,	"	" 22...	20 88
	L. H. Barber,	"	" 23...	11 40
	A. Hess,	"	" 24...	11 16
	S. T. Dick,	"	" 25...	39 00
	G. H. Alter,	"	" 26...	15 96
	J. W. Larrabee,	"	" 27...	21 78
	J. L. White,	"	" 28...	25 80
	John Sterling,	"	" 29...	3 00
	P. D. Faulkner,	"	" 30...	38 76
	John Holland,	"	" 31...	11 88
	W. F. Slingluff,	"	" 32...	7 02
	A. S. R. Richards,	"	" 33...	23 94
	S. B. Cameron,	"	" 34...	10 80
	W. H. Slack,	"	" 35...	33 18
	E. S. Bartlett,	"	" 36...	6 00
	J. W. Farnsworth,	"	" 37...	18 30
	J. L. Shank,	"	" 38...	36 96
	J. Wooley,	"	" 39...	16 14
	E. Robinson,	"	" 41...	11 58
	W. A. Runkle,	"	" 42...	9 48
	S. B. Vaughn,	"	" 45...	11 64
	Geo. R. McCrea,	"	" 46...	16 38
	E. Klautsheck,	"	" 47...	6 00
	A. M. Keppel,	"	" 48...	33 18
	Wm. Hunt,	"	" 49...	33 66
	M. Zahniser,	"	" 50...	37 44
	Jno. H. Devore,	"	" 51...	36 54
	W. H. McCallum,	"	" 53...	3 00
	W. H. Beck,	"	" 56...	15 42
	Jno. D. Green,	"	" 57...	12 12
	Jas. Wilson,	"	" 59...	33 18

May 25.	Draper Billings,	Commandery,	No. 60...	$19 64
	Chas. Kropp,	"	" 61...	25 56
	R. A. Wallace,	"	" 62...	36 18
	John M. Clapp,	"	" 63...	25 80
	A. C. Fanning,	"	" 64...	23 22
	Total mileage and per diem.....			$1,345 86

PAID ON MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

1888.	No.		
April 25.	22.	Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment assessment.....	$388 50
" 27.	25.	M. R. Mucklé, representative annual contribution to Masonic Home	300 00
	26.	M. R. Mucklé, representative annual dues, Masonic Home.....	10 00
	27.	Grand Recorder, salary.....	450 00
	28.	Grand Recorder, expenses of Grand Commander and Grand Officers.....	220 00
	29.	Grand Recorder, expenses of Division Commanders	108 24
	30.	Grand Recorder, expenses of Grand Commander.....	60 00
	31.	Grand Recorder, postage and expressage	65 00
" 30.	23.	Wm. F. Englehardt, jewel for P. G. Commander George S. Graham	49 50
	24.	John L. Young, Grand Officers' shoulder straps and regilding of jewels.....	131 00
	33.	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 12 months' rent.....	130 00
	35.	W. H. Hoskins, printing roll calls for 1887	35 00
	36.	W. H. Hoskins, printing Annual Proceedings for 1887	316 36

April 30.	37.	W. H. Hoskins, general and miscellaneous printing for one year		159 65
	32.	M. R. Mucklé, Grand Treasurer, official expenses		25 00
	34.	Grand Recorder, balance of salary to April 30, 1888		50 00
		Total payments		$3,844 11
May	1.	Balance		6,839 70
				$10,683 81

RECAPITULATION.

1887. DR.

May	1.	To Balance	$5,731 91
1888.			
May	1.	To Receipts	4,951 90
			$10,683 81

1888. CR.

May	1.	By Payments:—	
		Mileage $1,345 86	
		Sundries 2,498 25	
			$3,844 11
		By Balance	6,839 70
			$10,683 81

Respectfully and courteously submitted by

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
Grand Treasurer.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1888.

Examined from pages 96 to 100, and vouchers compared, and found correct.

D. B. ELSE,
For Finance Committee.

May 22, 1888.

The Grand Recorder, E. Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer, presented the following report which was referred to the Committee on Finance :—

PHILADELPHIA, May 12, 1888.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Recorder reports the receipt, since the last Annual Report, of the following,

Commandery	No.	37	$34 15
"	"	24	48 95
"	"	10	72 90
"	"	1	249 05
"	"	15	58 80
"	"	46	25 65
"	"	2	227 20
"	"	30	95 45
"	"	7	38 05
"	"	31	35 90
"	"	8	59 15
"	"	11	82 55
"	"	29	159 50
"	"	21	42 45
"	"	42	136 45
"	"	3	35 35
"	"	26	35 45
"	"	23	64 95
"	"	13	147 80
"	"	16	51 00
"	"	33	34 88
"	"	20	82 65
"	"	18	74 90
"	"	39	29 85
"	"	19	83 60

Commandery, No.	38	$18 00
" "	43	33 25
" "	40	13 50
" "	48	178 75
" "	51	29 85
" "	36	336 85
" "	47	207 55
" "	55	24 35
" "	64	37 85
" "	59	57 65
" "	58	110 45
" "	60	30 80
" "	57	14 85
" "	63	54 25
" "	61	28 95
" "	62	41 20
" "	4	245 75
" "	53	205 70
" "	25	35 20
" "	65, U. D.	100 00
" "	12	33 05
" "	22	72 55
" "	34	35 35
" "	32	97 20
" "	49	30 20
" "	4	56 00
" "	54	91 85
" "	14	33 05
" "	35	117 10

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws were received from a number of Commanderies, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws for examination, and report.

The form of keeping the records of subordinate Commanderies was prepared and submitted to the R. E. Grand Commander for his approval, and after being approved was printed, and two copies sent to each Commandery.

The statistics of the subordinate Commanderies, as per returns, are as follows :—

No.	Knighted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Degraded.	Restored.	Rejected.	Membership.	Gain.	Loss.
1	37	5	2	3	8	....	2	2	389	29	....
2	20	3	1	8	4	....	....	....	416	10	....
3	8	1	1	.....	1	....	1	1	43	7	....
4	28	....	1	8	15	....	....	....	546	4	....
7	8	....	4	.....	.....	....	....	....	49	4	....
8	10	....	2	.....	1	....	....	2	87	7	....
9	2	1	1	5	2	....	....	....	129	.....	5
10	9	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	122	8	....
11	10	....	4	4	2	....	....	4	139	.....	....
*12	1	....	2	.....	.....	1	....	....	69	.....	2
13	16	1	2	9	2	....	....	....	244	4	....
14	1	....	....	2	.....	....	....	...	69	.....	1
15	6	....	....	.....	2	....	....	...	104	4	....
16	3	....	....	.....	3	....	....	....	100	.....	....
*17	4	....	3	2	1	....	...	....	112	.....	2
18	10	....	3	2	.....	....	....	....	122	5	....
19	13	1	4	1	2	....	....	1	128	7	....
20	6	2	1	3	2	....	1	1	157	2	....
21	3	....	2	2	2	....	....	....	81	.....	3
22	5	2	2	2	4	....	....	3	139	.....	1
23	12	1	1	2	.....	....	....	....	91	10	....
24	4	....	1	.....	.....	....	....	....	91	3	....
*25	.....	3	1	2	10	....	....	....	78	.....	10
26	4	1	....	1	2	....	1	....	61	2	....
*27	5	....	....	.....	7	....	....	....	75	.....	2
*28	4	....	....	1	.....	...	....	1	34	3	...
29	19	1	9	5	4	....	....	1	270	2	....
30	7	....	....	2	2	....	....	1	181	3	....
31	4	....	....	1	.....	....	....	....	62	3	....
32	9	....	....	3	.....	....	....	....	176	6	....
33	1	....	3	.....	.....	....	...	....	72	.....	2
*34	2	2	1	1	.....	....	....	....	66	2	....
*35	14	2	....	3	3	....	....	....	198	10	....
36	41	....	2	11	35	....	...	....	565	.....	7
37	2	1	....	1	.....	...	....	....	67	2	....
38	.....	3	4	.....	.....	....	....	....	40	.....	4
39	3	1	1	.....	.....	....	....	....	53	3	....
*40	.....	....	....	.....	.....	...	....	....	30	.....	....
*41	1	1	..	1	.....	....	....	...	80	1	....
42	14	....	....	2	.....	....	1	1	241	12	....
43	2	....	1	2	8	....	....	....	65	.....	9
*44	2	....	....	.....	2	....	....	....	46	.....	....
*45	6	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	30	6	....
46	.....	....	2	2	3	....	....	....	56	.....	7
47	32	4	5	.....	6	4	1	2	319	21	....
48	23	3	1	2	.....	....	....	1	295	23	....
*49	7	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	36	7	....
50	11	....	3	.....	.....	....	....	....	84	8	....
51	3	....	....	5	.....	....	....	....	53	.....	2

* Returns not received until after May 12th.

No.	Knighted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Degraded.	Restored.	Rejected.	Membership.	Gain.	Loss.
53	25	3	2	8	3	....	....	2	346	15	....
54	7	....	4	5	2	....	....	1	173	.....	4
55	7	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	23	7	....
56	.....	....	....	1	.....	....	....	....	26	.....	1
57	.....	....	....	1	.....	....	....	....	33	.....	1
58	10	....	6	.....	4	....	....	....	201	.....	....
59	7	1	....	1	.....	....	....	....	97	7	....
60	1	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	64	1	....
61	3	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	51	3	....
62	8	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	56	8	....
63	8	1	1	2	1	....	....	....	85	5	....
64	7	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	1	53	7	....
	515	45	83	117	144	5	7	25	7,968	271	64

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,

Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder presented a verbal report in regard to the proceedings being delayed the past year :—

[That owing to the bereavement in the family of the then R. E. Grand Commander, and a heavy press of business, the Annual Report of the Grand Commander was not received until September 28, 1887, that he immediately prepared the proceedings for the printer, and it was delivered to the printer selected, about the middle of October, with the exception of the Report on Correspondence which was ready in the hands of the Chairman as soon as wanted. The proceedings were set up and galley-proofs sent in December; but, owing to an accident to the foreman of the composing and press rooms, it became necessary to get a new foreman for the time being, and the galleys, copy, etc., became mixed and a part lost, which had to be rewritten. On January 4, 1888, the entire proceedings were in type, and as it became necessary to read, revise, and pass for the press each form, my memorandums made at the time will show the speed with which the work was pushed by the printer: On January 17, 1888, the first form, pages 1 to 16, was received and passed at once for the

press; on February 2d, pages 17 to 32 were received and passed at once for the press; on February 17th, pages 33 to 48; on February 22d, pages 49 to 64; on March 12th, pages 65 to 80; on March 19th, pages 81 to 96; on March 21st, pages 97 to 112; on March 26th, pages 113 to 128; on March 29th, pages 129 to 137 were received and read for the press, and returned at once; and, on April 7, 1888, I received the first five copies, and the Commanderies were at once supplied.

It was a matter of great regret that this delay should have occurred, but it was one over which your Grand Recorder had no control. He did his best to hurry the printer, but with a sorry result.]

The following invitation was received and referred to the Committee on Designating the next Place of Meeting.

HEADQUARTERS OF
HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, NO. 19, K. T.
EASTON, PA., January 28, 1888.

E. Sir CHAS. E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery,
Knights Templar of Penna.

DEAR SIR KNIGHT:—At Stated Conclave of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 19, K. T. (held January 24, 1888), stationed in Easton, Pa., the following resolution was offered:—

Resolved: That Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 19, K. T., stationed in Easton, Pa., entertain the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, at an Annual Conclave, and hereby invite the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania to hold its Annual Conclave in 1889 in the city of Easton, Pa.

Extract from the records.

GEO. S. SIEGERT,
Recorder.

[SEAL.]

The Grand Recorder, on behalf of the Grand Officers, to whom was referred the question of uniform, presented the following report:—

To the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania :—

The Grand Officers, to whom was referred the subject of uniform, beg leave to report that, after carefully considering the matter, they prepared the following report which was submitted to the several Commanderies with instructions to consider the matter and report any action taken thereon as early as practicable to the Grand Recorder :—

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF PENNSYLVANIA,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, January 27, 1888.

To the several Commanderies of Knights Templar in Pennsylvania, greeting :—

The Grand Officers, to whom were referred the subject of the Uniform, beg leave to offer the following suggestions. There were three propositions discussed, and the Grand Officers, in presenting them to the consideration of the members of the Grand Commandery, do so because they recognize that the uniforms submitted represent the leading opinions of the Knights, the one a plain uniform, the other a showy one ; the third being nearly as at present, except the using of metal buttons, and black feathers in chapeau.

FIRST PROPOSITION.

The entire uniform to remain as at present (Edict 1862), except that the gauntlets or cuffs be dispensed with, and, in lieu thereof, buff colored gloves be worn.

SECOND PROPOSITION.

The Coat—Black frock, lay-down collar, double breasted, buttoned high, for Grand and Past Grand Officers, Commanders and Past Commanders, gilt buttons.

Single breasted for Generalissimo, Captain General, other Officers and Sir Knights, silver buttons.

The Baldric as at present for Grand and Past Grand Officers, Commanders and Past Commanders, Generalissimo and Captain Generals.

The Knights to wear *no* baldrics.

The Chapeau as at present, but dispensing with the white feather, and replacing with black feather.

The Fatigue Cap as at present.

The Cuffs to be dispensed with, and buff colored gloves used in their place.

The Belt to be red enameled leather, trimmed as follows: Grand and Past Grand Officers, three rows of gold lace.

Commanders and Past Commanders, two rows of gold lace.

The other officers, two rows of silver lace.

The members, two rows of white stitching.

Third Proposition.

Same as second proposition, but allowing all to use the baldric, as at present.

"The Committee would be pleased to hear any opinions on this subject of uniform, and, if possible, they will prepare for the Grand Commandery such a uniform as may be satisfactory to all." Signed, Lee S. Smith,
Grand Commander.

That they are pleased to say that the matter was so duly considered with the following result:—

In favor of the first proposition—Nos. 10, 13, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 32, 36, 37, 38, 46, 60.

In favor of the second proposition—No. 55.

In favor of the third proposition—Nos. 45, 54.

In favor of the present uniform—Nos. 8, 59.

The following changes were suggested to the report as above:—

No. 2 prefers the first proposition, with metal buttons.

No. 19 proposes amendments as follows:—

Chapeau, same as the present one.

Cap, Navy cap, low, close crown, naval officer pattern, silk, gold cord for Officers, black cord for Knights.

Coat, black, double-breasted frock buttoned high for all; Grand Officers, gilt buttons set in threes; other Officers gilt buttons; Knights silver buttons. Cross (gold for Officers, silver for Knights) on sleeve near cuff, block-letter number of Commandery on each side of collar.

Pantaloons, black, same style cloth as coat.

Collar, white, stand up, black tie.

Baldric, same as at present.

Belt, maroon-colored leather, no chains, maroon-colored leather straps as wide as chains, plate ☐ with name and number.

Sword, white ivory handle.

Scabbard, same as the one used by Grand Recorder.

Gloves, lisle thread, buff color.

Gauntlet, none.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Grand Officers,

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder.

A motion to lay the report on the table was lost.

On motion, the Grand Commandery then adopted the first proposition of the committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of appeal from action of the Grand Commandery in the Buckingham case, presented the following report:—

PITTSBURGH, May 22, 1888.

To the R. E. Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery K. T. of Pa.:—

SIR KNIGHTS:—Your committee appointed to consider the communication of Sir Knight Chas. A. Klinefelter, member of York Commandery, No. 21, *in re* the appeal of Sir Knight Buckingham (see Journal of Proceedings, Conclave of 1886, pp. 39, etc.), respectfully report: That the committee met in Philadelphia on Friday, April 20, 1888.

Present—Grand Recorder Meyer, Sir Knights Buckingham and Klinefelter, and all the members of the committee.

After a full discussion of the whole subjeet referred to in the communication under consideration, and the reading, in detail, of all the papers in the care of the Grand Recorder, Sir Knights Buckingham and Klinefelter expressed great surprise at the contents of the papers read, and stated that, with only these papers before the Grand Commandery and its officers and committees, no other action than that had would have been justifiable. They claimed, however, that the statements contained in said papers were not facts, and

that that they would, at the proper time and in the proper manner, establish the correctness of this claim. They also ask for access to these papers.

Your committee offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption :—

1st. *Resolved*, That Sir Knights Buckingham and Klinefelter have permission to examine and to copy the papers relating to the appeal of the former, now in possession of the Grand Recorder.

2d. *Resolved*, That the committee be discharged.

Courteously submitted,

LOUIS WAGNER, *Chairman*,
AUGUSTUS R. HALL,
CHARLES A. ZERBE,
Committee.

A motion to adopt the report was made when, E. Sir Knight Samuel Harper read the following :—

YORK, PA., May 17, 1888.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery K. T. of Pennsylvania :—

The petition of the undersigned courteously represents—That he is a member of York Commandery, No. 21, K. T. of York, Pa.

At a Regular Conclave of said Commandery, held October 1, 1885, an applicant for Knighthood and membership was ballotted for and approved, and the Orders conferred upon him immediately. To this applicant the undersigned had Masonic and Templar objection, which objection he had made known to the Eminent Commander, and Recorder, and other members of the Commandery.

Prior to said Conclave, it had long been the practice of the Recorder to state upon the notice of the Conclaves that work would be done, when that was the case, and, at times, the names of applicants to be voted on.

The notice for said Conclave, however, did not give the name of said applicant, nor state that there would be work. The undersigned being of opinion that the conferring of the Orders in this case, in view of his objection thereto, made

known to the Eminent Commander, was contrary to law, and that the omission from the notice for said Conclave of the name of the applicant, and that work would be done, was a violation of law, believed that he had a right to appeal to the higher authority vested in the Grand Commandery and its Officers. So believing, he addressed a communication to Dr. and Sir Knight G. H. Welchans, Division Commander, on the thirty-first day of October, 1885, briefly setting forth the facts, and charging the Eminent Commander and Recorder with having given the notice for said Conclave in such a way as was calculated to, and actually did mislead some of the members of the Commandery. No question was raised but the one relating to the notice.

Under date of November 19, 1885, the undersigned received a communication from the Division Commander, informing him that the R. E. Grand Commander had decided that notices for Conclaves may contain information that there will be work, but that there is no law of the Grand Commandery, or of No. 21, compelling such information to be given. Also, that he had decided that, as the objection of the undersigned was before the applicant had made his petition to the Commandery, the orders had been regularly conferred.

Some correspondence followed between the R. E. Grand Commander, Division Commander and the undersigned, in which the latter sought a reconsideration of the question, but in which he did not succeed. He then determined to make an appeal to the Grand Commandery, and some time afterward forwarded the same to the Grand Recorder.

The latter, under date of April 23, 1886, acknowledged the receipt of the papers, and said:—

"The law on which you based your appeal was repealed and set aside, and a new constitution adopted at Erie, May 28, 1884, a copy of which I send you by this mail. It will, therefore, be necessary to have any appeal which you may have to make agree with the Constitution."

The undersigned considered this letter, as he clearly had a right to consider it, as informing him that as the law upon which the appeal was based had been repealed the appeal would not be entertained. He, therefore, wrote to the Grand Recorder that he would go to Philadelphia some time the following month to call upon him in order to enter his appeal

according to law; but, subsequently, after a careful review of the subject, he concluded to take no further proceeding, and to let the matter finally rest. He did not visit the Grand Recorder and did not authorize any appeal to be presented to the Grand Commandery.

To his surprise and mortification he received a letter from the Grand Recorder under date of June 7, 1886, informing him that his appeal had been presented at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Scranton, May 26, 1886, and dismissed. The letter concluded as follows: "I may say that the Committee was of the opinion, from the letters written by you and from the report of the Division Commander of the case, that the appellant has stepped beyond the limits of the law and is censurable if not liable for his actions."

Since then the printed journal has furnished him with a copy of the Committee's report, from which it is evident that the Committee was given information that has no foundation in truth.

The undersigned has no desire to review the report, inasmuch as it is based upon an appeal, which after the letter of the Grand Recorder of April 23, 1886, he did not authorize to be presented, and upon which he had no hearing; yet there are two points upon which he must speak:—

First.—It is said that "At the next subsequent Conclave after conferring the orders, Sir Knight Buckingham appealed from the action of the Commandery, and demanded that the Grand Commander should expel Erdman." As the undersigned has no recollection of such appeal and demand, he applied to the Recorder of Commandery No. 21, for information in regard thereto, and under date of June 9, 1887, received from him in writing the statement that he finds nothing in reference to the matter in the records of the Commandery.

Second.—The "full report of the Division Commander" referred to was made after an investigation, at which the undersigned was not present, and, in regard to which, he was not even consulted, and no opportunity was given him to defend himself against untruthful allegations, which seemed to have justified the committee in finding that the "appellant

has stepped beyond the limits of the law and is censurable, if not liable, for his actions."

May 12, 1887, Sir Knight Charles A. Klinefelter, of Commandery No. 21, addressed a communication to the R. E. Grand Commander, calling attention to the injustice of the report adopted the year before, and asking that the matter might be re-examined with a view to the removal of the censure placed upon the undersigned. The communication was referred to a committee, who held a meeting at Philadelphia, April 20th last, and agreed upon a report which only contemplates that Sir Knight Klinefelter and the undersigned shall have permission to examine and copy the papers relating to the appeal now in the possession of the Grand Recorder.

The proposed action, if adopted, will not meet the purpose of the communication referred to the committee.

There has been no re-examination of the case, to determine whether the censure cast upon the undersigned should be removed or not. The censure still remains, and all it is proposed to accord to them is what he ought to have without such action—the privilege of examining and copying papers in which he is so deeply and personally interested.

He, therefore, comes to the Grand Commandery and asks for justice. He is unconscious of having done anything worthy of censure.

If he has offended at all, it has been through his zeal to vindicate the law of the Order. Believing that in this case wrong had been done, he endeavored to have it righted. He believed that the humblest member of the Order had a right to appeal to higher authorities to redress what, in conscience, he thought was a violation of law, a wrong to himself and other members of his Commandery.

In doing this, he employed the methods which, in his judgment, were allowed by Templar law, and he submits that, even if in the opinion of others his zeal outran his discretion, he should not have been made the subject of censure.

He prays that the Grand Commandery will expunge so much of the report of the Committee, beginning on page 39 of the proceedings of 1886, as reflects and casts censure upon him.

Courteously submitted,

JOHN W. BUCKINGHAM.

Sir Knight Samuel Harper concluded by offering the following as a substitute for the report of the Committee, which substitute was adopted :—

WHEREAS, It appears by the journal of the Thirty-third Annual Conclave, 1886, that an appeal by Sir John W. Buckingham, of York Commandery, No. 21, was received and referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, which committee made a report (page 39) recommending that the appeal be dismissed, and using this language : "We are of the opinion that the appellant has stepped beyond the limits of the law and is censurable, if not liable, for his actions." And,

WHEREAS, It now appears that said appeal was presented without the knowledge of Sir Knight Buckingham; that he had no opportunity to be heard, either in the consideration of said appeal, or the evidence upon which the report of said Committee was based, and that on the full presentation by him of the question involved, there is no reasonable grounds for censure ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers, pp. 39 and 40, Journal of 1886, as reflects and casts centure upon Sir John W. Buckingham, of York Commandery, No. 21, be and the same is hereby expunged.

The Committee of Grand Officers to whom was referred the revision of the Tactics and Drill, presented their report, which was referred to the Committee on Printing to publish a sufficient number of copies.

The following petition for a new Commandery at Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters :—

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Pennsylvania :—

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents :—

That they are severally Knights of the Red Cross, Knights of Malta and Knights Templar.

That on the seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, upon a proper petition signed by the undersigned, *inter alia*, granted a dispensation to open and hold a Commandery of Knights Templar and Councils of the Appendant Orders in the town of Huntingdon, County of Huntingdon, State of Pennsylvania, to be named and called Huntingdon Commandery.

That under and by virtue of such dispensation, they did meet and assemble in an asylum at Huntingdon, Pa., and open and hold a Commandery of Knights Templar.

That in accordance with the conditions and limitations of said dispensation, it is herewith returned, with the minutes and records of their proceedings had thereunder and a copy of the By-Laws adopted by said Commandery.

Now, therefore, the undersigned petitioners pray, that a perpetual charter and warrant, to enable, empower and authorize them to continue in all the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Commandery, to be designated and named Huntingdon Commandery, No. —, subordinate to, under the jurisdiction of, and to be conducted in accordance with, the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, the Grand Encampment of the United States, and the general principles, customs and edicts of the Order.

Dated at Huntingdon, May 18, 1888.

Robert Allison Miller,	Benjamin F. Isenbery,
James Ramsey Patton,	Alexander Elliott,
Edward Jacob Gardner,	Richard J. Faust,
Geo. B. Orlady,	Augustus Letterman,
J. A. Doyle,	William B. Zeigler,
H. Howard Hill,	John W. Black,
John White,	Luther B. Kline,
Wm. H. Allen,	James Irvin White,
Martin L. Shaffner,	Zackarias Taylor.

E. Sir Knight Mark Richards Mucklé, Representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted :—

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania Knights Templar:—

SIR KNIGHTS:—The Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania is now an established fact; successful far beyond the expectations of its most sanguine advocates and promoters.

Since our last Annual Conclave, in 1887, it has changed its name to that of "The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania," assuming powers and privileges under a charter granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on May 6, 1871, superior to the one held by them formerly. The President, in his Third Annual Report, speaks of the important work of completing the $25,000 fund, which was accomplished, thereby enabling the managers to pay off the mortgage debt of $12,000.

The corporation consists of ninety-three masonic bodies, one hundred and thirty-six individual members and sixty-three annual contributors, being an increase of ninety-five members during the year.

The assets of the institution, in real estate, cash, investments, etc., as presented at their last annual session, amounted to near $50,000, clear of all indebtedness.

On New Year's Day, on the occasion of the Annual Reception, an opportunity was given to a large number of brethren and their friends to inspect the increased accommodations—among them, the officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge, the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania,—all of whom expressed the liveliest satisfaction in all they witnessed.

There was a second visitation made to the Home on May 25th, on the occasion of the Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, when those present, representing the various sections of our great Commonwealth, were profuse in their expressions of approval of the work already done.

While the Home has progressed materially during its brief existence, there is still much to be done to enable the management to increase its means of accommodating the many demands for the admission of brethren to the same, which are frequently made. The various Masonic bodies have shown their interest and goodwill in the numerous

contributions in cash and kind. We cite the instances of Harmony Chapter, which furnished the first room in an elegant manner, and was followed by Stephen Girard Lodge, Meridian Sun Lodge, Oriental Chapter, Kensington Chapter; and now the ladies of members of Lodge No. 2 are about furnishing the only remaining room in the Home. In addition to this, Lodge No. 2 has agreed to give the Home, annually, 50 cents per member from its funds; Easton Lodge, half of the contents of a contribution box, which netted the sum of $30 in three months; Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, $100; the A. and A. Rite, $100, and annually thereafter, $100; and the promise from other bodies is given to follow in the good work. Two brethren, on connecting themselves with the Knights of Birmingham, have made over the amount due on their decease. There are still some improvements needed, such as a washhouse, lavatory, etc., beside which the Home should be materially enlarged, to enable the management to admit the applicants who are daily making efforts to get into the Home, and are only prevented by want of capacity. To do this, the Craft throughout the State is invited to connect itself with the Home, and assist in carrying on the noble and charitable work.

Membership can be acquired by individually paying $100, with annual dues at $5, and annual contributors, by the payment of not less than $5.

The Home is entirely non-sectarian, and, while located in Philadelphia county, is, nevertheless, a purely State institution, extending its charities over the entire area of our Commonwealth, and merits at the hands of our entire Brotherhood, in whatever locality resident, the strongest material encouragement.

In submitting this report, permit me to commend this charity in the strongest and most forcible manner, urging you to keep the object constantly in view, and begging you to give it your most unqualified support, both in word and deed. Courteously submitted,

M. Richards Muckle,

Representative to the Home from the Grand Commandery.

Philadelphia, May 21, 1888.

On motion of E. Sir Knight William H. Dickson, it was unanimously resolved that a special appropriation of $500 be made to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.

The following Amendment was offered and laid over in accordance with the Constitution until the next Annual Conclave:—

Resolved, That Section 6 of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania be altered, by striking out the words "Except Past Commanders."

The altered Section will then be:—

Section 6. Any officer specified in the Third Section, may appear and vote *by proxy*. Said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same Subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

BALDWIN II COMMANDERY, No. 22,
Williamsport, Pa.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery adjourned until 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder.

WEDNESDAY, May 23, 1888.

The Grand Commandery was called to order at 9 o'clock, A. M., and, after being led in their devotions by the Grand Prelate, the Grand Commander opened the Grand Commandery.

On motion separately made, several of the Sir Knights were excused from appearing in full Templar uniform.

The R. E. Grand Commander and E. Grand Recorder of Ohio honored the Grand Commandery with their presence, and, on motion, were invited to be present during the time of the election of Grand Officers.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters presented the following report, which was received and adopted:—

PITTSBURGH, PA., 22d May, 1888.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania :—

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters beg leave to report, that the application of twelve Knights Templar for a warrant for a Commandery to be located at Huntingdon, Pa., to be known as Huntingdon Commandery, having the approval of the nearest Commandery, to wit, Mountain Commandery, No. 10, at Altoona, has been referred to them.

Your committee are unanimous in recommending that a warrant be granted as prayed for, to be known as Huntingdon Commandery, No. 65.

D. GALE FRENCH,
FRANK H. PIATT.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and adopted :—

PITTSBURGH, May 22, 1888.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania and Appendant Orders :—

The Committee on By-Laws report, that they have had referred to them amendments to By-Laws from Commanderies Nos. 20, 36, 53 and 65, U. D., all of which have been approved.

Courteously,
D. A. STEVENSON,
Chairman.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, which was received and referred to the Grand Officers with power to print (*see Appendix*).

The Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers presented the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted :—

The Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers respectfully report—

That they have considered the report of the Grand Commander for the past year: that they unanimously approve

his doings, and extend the congratulations of the Committee on the great and important steps taken by the Grand Commander, tending to the elevation of the Order of Knights Templar in the State of Pennsylvania; that your Committee approve of the dispensations granted, and of the action of the Grand Commander in refusing others; that they approve the recommendation in regard to the Revision of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and recommend that the thanks of the Grand Commandery are due, and are hereby tendered to R. E. Sir Lee S. Smith for the able, efficient, and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and that a Past Grand Commander's jewel and shoulder straps be prepared and presented to him.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. N. MONRO,
SAML. B. KENNEDY,
G. C. SHIDLE,
JOSHUA L. LYTE,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and adopted:—

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 21, 1888.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:—

The Committee on Finance courteously report, that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for the year ending April 30, 1888, compared their vouchers and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer's books show the amount of cash on hand at last report, five thousand seven hundred and thirty-one dollars and ninety-one cents ($5,731.91), and the amount received from all sources during the year, four thousand nine hundred and fifty-one dollars and ninety cents ($4,951.90), and in detail the payments of the drafts of the Grand Commandery, approved by your Committee, leaving a balance of cash on hand of six thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy cents ($6,839.70).

The following statement will show, in a condensed form, all the transactions in the past year, which will be given you in detail by the Grand Treasurer in his report:—

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

To Cash on hand, as per last report.....	$5,731 91
" from Grand Recorder for Dues and Fees.....	4,951 90
Total.....	$10,683 81

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By Cash paid on orders, as will appear by Grand Treasurer's Report.....	3,844 11
By Balance on hand.....	$6,839 70

The Grand Recorder's books and accounts show the amount of cash received from each of the subordinate Commanderies for dues and fees, and his vouchers from the Grand Treasurer correspond with the items in the preceding statement.

The following is an estimate of the receipts for the year ending April 30, 1888:—

From Dues.....	$3,100 00
Fees.....	800 00
Charters.....	100 00
Grand Encampment Assessment.....	395 00
	$4,395 00

We recommend the following appropriations to be made for the Templar year, beginning May 1, 1888, and ending April 30, 1889:—

Grand Commander's and Division Commanders' Expenses	300 00
Rent of Office Grand Recorder.....	120 00
Grand Recorder's Services.....	500 00
Grand Encampment Assessment.....	395 00
Past Grand Commander's Jewel and Expenses of Grand Commandery.....	175 00
Mileage and Per Diem.....	1,700 00
Printing, including Proceedings, Postage, Expressage, and Tactics and Drill.....	900 00
Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.....	310 00
	$4,800 00

The continued prosperity of the Grand Commandery finances warrant your Committee in recommending an allowance of twenty per cent. to the subordinate Commanders on the annual dues for the ensuing Templar year.

Respectfully and courteously submitted for your consideration and approval.

D. B. ELSE,
For the Committee.

On motion, the appropriation for the Grand Commander and Division Commanders was made $500, instead of $300.

The following amendment to the Constitution offered at the last Annual Conclave was then considered and unanimously adopted, adding a new section, viz :—

SECT. 57½.—He shall furnish the Committee on "Printing and Publishing" the manuscript or copy of the Proceedings of the Annual Session within thirty days after the close of the same.

Amendment to the Constitution, Section 70.—By adding to the duties now defined to the "Committee on Printing and Publishing" the words—"One condition in relation to the printing of the Proceedings shall be that the same shall be printed and delivered within forty days from the reception of the copy or MSS. from the Grand Recorder."

The hour of ten having arrived, tellers were appointed, and the Grand Commandery proceeded with the election of Grand Officers.

The tellers reported the following Sir Knights duly elected :—

WILLIAM W. ALLEN.....*R. E. Grand Commander.*
TORRENCE C. HIPPLE.....*V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.*
JOHN J. WADSWORTH.....*E. Grand Generalissimo.*
JOSEPH S. WRIGHT.....*E. Grand Captain General.*
REV. W. HENRY PLATT.....*E. Grand Prelate.*
JAMES H. CODDING.....*E. Grand Senior Warden.*
CHARLES C. BAER.....*E. Grand Junior Warden.*
MARK RICHARDS MUCKLÉ...*E. Grand Treasurer.*
CHARLES E. MEYER.....*E. Grand Recorder.*

The Committee on Designating the Next Place of Meeting reported as follows, which was received and adopted:—

To the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Designating Next Place of Meeting recommend the city of Easton, Pa.

WILLIAM H. SLACK,
L. RANEY,
F. H. PIATT,
L. M. FINE.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing reported as follows, which was received and adopted:—

To the E. Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania K. T.:—

SIR KNIGHTS:—The aggregate expenses incurred on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania K. T., under the items of printing, postage and expressing for the fiscal Templar year, closing April 30, 1888, amounted to $576.01, being $323.99 less than the sum appropriated for the purpose at the Annual Conclave of 1887.

Courteously submitted by

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
For the Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Philadelphia, May 19, 1888.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the person or persons to whom the printing of the Journal of the Annual Proceedings shall be awarded as the lowest, best, and most acceptable bidder, be required to deliver his or their work completed to the Grand Recorder *at least forty days* after he or they shall have received the last portion of the manuscript copy. In default of which, the party having the printing to do shall suffer a penalty or forfeit of *five dollars* for each and every day after the forty days specified above shall have elapsed, and until the same be delivered into the custody of the Grand Recorder or the Grand Commandery. The respective sums so forfeited shall

be deducted from the amount of the bills of printing rendered by the parties so offending.

The following from the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, M. E. Sir Knight Charles Roome, was read:—

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 30, 1888.

To all Sir Knights throughout the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment:—

With infinite sorrow I am called to announce to you the death of one of my predecessors, M. E. Sir William Sewall Gardner, who was Grand Master of our Grand Encampment, 1868–'71.

Although not personally acquainted with the deceased Knight, I do know of his great services to the Order, and his well-earned reputation as a wise and courteous gentleman and true exemplar of the tenets of our institution.

Learned in the law, he was twice promoted as a Judge on the Bench of Massachusetts, and everywhere and at all times commanded the respect and esteem of those honored with his friendship.

When such a man is called away, we naturally feel that the Order has sustained a great loss; but as we are taught that the lives of men, like our departed Grand Master, are the brightest incentives to those who remain, so let us keep his memory in our hearts as one who gave us honor by his life, and to whose record we can always refer with sentiments of pride that he was one of us, and of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that his name is inscribed on the roll of those who have exhibited in their daily lives the true ideal of a Templar.

It is courteously requested that this tribute to the memory of the Illustrious dead be read at the head of the lines at the earliest opportunity, and that the organizations, Grand and

Subordinate, make such record as becomes the memory of one who faithfully discharged his whole duty as a Knight and a gentleman.

CHARLES ROOME,
Grand Master.

Attest:

WILLIAM B. ISAACS,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL.]

The following was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due, and are hereby tendered to, the authorities of Pittsburgh for the admirable police arrangements during the parade on the 22d inst., and to the citizens of this city for their bountiful and courteous hospitality extended to the members of this body in attendance at this Conclave.

On motion, the Right Eminent Grand Commander was requested, on behalf of the Grand Commandery, to thank the Committees of Arrangements of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Commanderies for the perfection in which their plans had been matured and carried out to the thorough enjoyment of all for the present Conclave.

On motion of E. Sir Knight William H. Dickson, the elective Grand Officers were constituted a committee to prepare and present a suitable testimonial, to E. Sir Knight M. Richards Mucklé, Grand Treasurer, expressive of the appreciation in which he is held by his fraters of the Grand Commandery, and as a testimonial of the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Treasurer for the past eighteen years.

On motion, the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be deemed sufficient for the purpose by the Grand Officers, be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing resolution.

The R. E. Grand Commander of Ohio having asked permission to retire in order to fulfil an engagement in Ohio, was charged by the R. E. Grand Commander to convey to the Grand Commandery of Ohio the great pleasure the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania had experienced in the visit of their Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and orders directed to be drawn in accordance therewith :—

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem recommend the following amounts be paid :—

				Mileage.	Per Diem.
Lee S. Smith	R. E. G. Com		...	.....	$15 00
Wm. W. Allen	V. E. D. G. Com.		354	$21 24	15 00
T. C. Hipple	E. G. Genl'mo		187	11 22	15 00
Jno. J. Wadsworth	E. G. C. G.		148	8 88	15 00
Rev. Wm. H. Platt	E. G. Prelate		343	20 58	15 00
Jos. S. Wright	E. G. S. W.		354	21 24	15 00
Jas. H. Codding	E. G. J. W.		468	28 08	15 00
M. Richards Mucklé	E. G. Treas.		354	21 24	15 00
Chas. E. Meyer	E. G. Rec		354	21 24	15 00
Edward B. Spencer	E. G. S. B.		354	21 24	15 00
D. Gale French	E. G. L. B.		...	.....	15 00
Jno. McKain	E. G. Warden		...	....	15 00
Jno. A. Marchand	E. G. C. of Guard		31	1 86	15 00
Lewis T. Brown	G. Marshal		...	.....	15 00
Saml. W. Wray	Ch. C. M. & P. D.		354	21 24	15 00
Wm. C. Wright	E. C.	No. 1	...	.....	12 00
Alex. Kinnier	E. C.	2	354	21 24	12 00
Jno. K. McMillan	E. C.	3	31	1 86	6 00
W. Harry Stirling	E. C.	4	354	21 24	12 00
Jesse M. Bowell	E. C.	7	54	3 24	9 00
Wm. R. Baillie	E. C.	8	268	16 08	9 00
H. J. Hunsicker	E. C.	9	303	18 18	12 00
H. L. Delo	E. C.	10	117	7 02	6 00
D. H. Heisey	E. C.	11	249	14 94	12 00
D. J. Rogers	G.	12	270	16 20	12 00
G. H. Rothermel	E. C.	13	286	17 16	12 00
S. A. McMullen	E. C.	14	343	20 58	12 00
Wm. Henry Bitting	E. C.	15	334	20 04	12 00
Wm. B. Heckman	E. C.	16	408	24 48	12 00
C. Le Van Buskirk	C. G.	17	327	19 62	12 00
J. B. Loux	G.	18	31	1 86	6 00
Jacob Sandt	E. C.	19	357	21 42	12 00
H. C. Wagner	E. C.	20	339	20 34	12 00
Geo. W. S. Loucks	E. C.	21	273	16 38	12 00
D. B. Else	P. C.	22	311	18 66	12 00
L. H. Barber	P. C.	23	368	22 08	12 00
C. W. Brower	E. C.	24	275	15 50	12 00
W. S. Rose	G.	25	164	9 84	9 00
F. J. Zerbe	C. G.	26	188	11 28	12 00
J. W. Dusenbury	P. C.	27	461	27 66	12 00
A. H. Bolton	E. C.	29	354	21 24	12 00
Frank McSparren	E. C.	30	148	8 88	9 00
I. Y. Sollenberger	E. C.	31	342	20 52	12 00

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Wm. E. Perry.....E. C.	32.....	371		22 26	12 00
Wm. F. Reynolds.....E. C.	33.....	187		11 22	12 00
Jno. Westerman.....G.	34.....	277		16 62	12 00
Wm. H. Slack ....E. C.	35.....	...		.....	12 00
T. J. Belville.....E. C.	36.....	354		21 24	12 00
Jno. W. Farnsworth.....E. C.	37.....	317		19 02	12 00
Jno. C. Goetchius.....E. C.	38.....	150		9 00	9 00
Wm. A. Phillips.....E. C.	39.....	316		18 96	12 00
Wm. D. Pollard.....P. C.	41.....	338		20 28	12 00
Thos. P. Merritt.....E. C.	42.....	303		18 18	12 00
John J. Fisher.....P. C.	43.....	132		7 92	9 00
E. O. Weeks.... .....P. C.	45.....	322		19 32	12 00
Robt. S. Barker .....E. C.	46.....	187		11 22	12 00
Geo. P. Wilson.....E. C.	47.....	354		21 24	12 00
Jas. Kerr, Jr.....E. C.	48.....	...		.....	12 00
Wm. Hunt.....E. C.	49.....	71		4 26	6 00
Harry Orchard.....P. C.	50.....	70		4 20	6 00
J. R. Graves	51.....	176		10 56	9 00
P. J. Umstead.....E. C.	53.....	354		21 24	12 00
C. C. Tull .....P. C.	54.....	354		21 24	12 00
F. B. Speakman .....P. C.	55.....	316		18 96	12 00
Wm. H. Beck.....E. C.	56.....	301		18 06	12 00
John D. Green .....P. C.	57.....	318		19 08	12 00
C. L. Wheeler.....P. C.	58.....	254		15 24	12 00
Jas. McNeil.....E. C.	59.....	...		.....	12 00
Frank H. Piatt.....P. C.	60.....	341		20 46	12 00
W. H. Rosensteel .....E. C.	61.....	78		4 68	9 00
Wm. T. Butz .....E. C.	62.....	50		3 00	6 00
Clarence E. Corbett.....P. C.	63.....	148		8 88	6 00
John A. Innes.....E. C.	64.....	350		21 00	12 00
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SAML. W. WRAY, *Chairman*,
JOHN W. FARNSWORTH.

The R. E. Grand Commander made the following appointments:—

Sir Knight HARRY M. VAN ZANDT.....*Gr. Standard Bearer.*
Sir Knight SAMUEL W. WRAY.....*Gr. Sword Bearer.*
Sir Knight WILLIAM H. BURKHARDT...*Gr. Warder.*
Sir Knight WILLIAM H. SLACK.....*Gr. Capt. of the Guard.*
Sir Knight IRVING P. WANGER .....*Gr. Marshal.*
Sir Knight JOSEPH H. FOSTER.....*Herald.*

The Grand Commandery at 12.30 noon adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Commandery assembled in the Grand Opera House at eight o'clock, for the installation of the Grand Officers :—

Music by Grand Army Band Orchestra, Canton, Ohio.

Overture—" La Flandre " .....P. Buillon.
Waltz—" Golden Myrtle".....Fahrbach.
Overture—" Piqué Dame " .....Fr. V. Suppé.
Spanish Serenade .....Max Eilenberg.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

" Hark! the Song of Jubilee".....Keller.
Allegheny and Alpine Quartettes.

R. E. Grand Commander Sir Knight Lee S. Smith then said :—

Sir Knights, Ladies and Gentlemen :—

My term of office as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania has expired, and, in accordance with our custom, it is now my duty, as a concluding official act to install my successor and the other Grand Officers in their respective stations.

Before proceeding to do so, I have but a word of admonition and counsel to give.

My term of office has been a most pleasant one ; peace and prosperity have dwelt among us. I have had the earnest and hearty support of not only of the Grand Officers, but of the officers and members of the Subordinate Commanderies as well, and I can assure my fraters, one and all, that their words of hearty commendation and approval have gone far to assist me in the discharge of my duties. In leaving this station I would, as a parting word, urge upon all

the necessity for still greater exertions in the cause of Truth, and the principles of our Order. Let our watchword ever be "upward and onward."

No true Knight Templar should ever forget that he has enlisted for life as a soldier of the Cross; not to do battle against the Saracen and Turk for the possession of the Holy Sepulchre; not to leave home, family, and all that is dear to him in life, to fight and die in a foreign land; but to stand by, maintain and keep ever fresh the true faith.

Sir Knights—sworn soldiers of the Cross—do you desire to know and do your duty? In seeking to find it are you appalled and mystified by the number of the Commandments; by the "Thou shalt's" and the "Thou shalt not's?" If so, listen to Christ's summing up of our duties, as laid down in the Commandments, as it comes ringing down the centuries:—

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment; and the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." What a beautiful, what a sublime, yea, what a Divine condensation of all that a true man can do! Love God, love man.

Then guard well the faith that is signified by the Cross on which our great Exemplar died. Should your faith at any time, from any cause, grow weak, and the mists of doubt gather round the Cross, fear not; but only more faithful prove; for as sure as the sun shines forth after every cloudy day, so sure will God's goodness shine forth in us, and the banner of the Cross rise above the mists of unbelief, if we but do our part.

Our order seeks, or desires, no prerogatives of the Church; but only asks to act as an humble handmaid of the same, in the battle against doubt and unbelief, and in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom in the world, and these interests should lie very near the heart of every true Templar.

Having been associated in office for years past with our newly-elected Grand Commander, E. Sir William W. Allen, I know him to be a worthy Knight and Christian gentleman; and I have no hesitancy or anxiety in surrendering into his hands the sceptre of office, knowing that he will guard well the true interests of the order.

By your direction, I place him in the Chair of his office, and ask that you extend to him the hearty support you have given me; and let us accompany that support with our prayers, that God may guide and bless him in all his ways, and that our beloved Order may go on from conquest unto victory in the cause of the true faith.

The Vow of Office was then administered to the Right Eminent Grand Commander elect, Sir Knight William W. Allen.

"Sanctus" ....Schubert.

Installation of Grand Commander Elect.

"Gloria in Excelsis" .....Southard

Past Grand Commander Sir Knight Lee S. Smith then said: It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you the R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Sir Knight William W. Allen.

The Grand Commander, Sir Knight William W. Allen, said:—

RIGHT EMINENT SIR LEE S. SMITH:—In assuming the duties of the honorable and exalted office into which you have just inducted me, I feel that I must address myself to you individually for a few moments, that I may give expression to my feelings in regard to your management of the sacred trust which, one year ago, in our goodly city of Philadelphia, and upon an occasion similar to this, was placed in your hands.

You have given an account of your stewardship, and your fraters have said, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

I desire, upon this auspicious occasion, and before this intelligent audience, to testify to the fidelity and faithfulness of your administration of the affairs of your office. Your work has not been simply of a perfunctory character, but you have brought to the performance of your duties a genuine heart service. You have fully realized the important fact that the head of this great Christain Order of

Knighthood should be something more than a mere machine, doing only that laid down in our rules of governance. The whole Order in this jurisdiction has felt the inspiring effect of your leadership. You have taught us that to be true Knights Templar we must practice in our lives the holy teachings laid down in our rituals from beginning to end. You have had the courage of your convictions, and have not hesitated to speak boldly and in no ambiguous tones of the necessity of a pure morality in the performance of every duty, both public and private, devolving upon the members of this Order. For all this you are to be commended, and I take the greatest pleasure in giving this public endorsement of the fidelity and ability exercised during your administration, and to declare, without fear of contradiction, that your constituency, both individual and corporate, have been made better by your master hand.

May God bless you for all you have done, and in the future may your life be as calm and placid as a river flowing, without a ripple, to an ocean of eternal love.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, you who, although not members of our Order, have honored us by your presence to-night and made our hearts happy by your kindly and enthusiastic greetings, I would say that, although our forms and ceremonies are very largely of the esoteric or secret nature, yet I am glad that this part can be open to our friends, that they may join with us in these beautiful ceremonies of installation. I would extend to you, one and all, a most hearty welcome, and trust that you may be deeply impressed by what you witness here to-night and go to your homes feeling that our Order is one that, although it does not pretend to supplant the Church, it does strive to supplement its holy teachings by making its members better in their lives toward God and their fellow-men.

And now, my beloved Sir Knights, members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and of the subordinate Commanderies, I extend to you, one and all, a knightly greeting. You have won my love by your continued kindness to me in the past, and more particularly now, since you have elevated me to the highest position in your power to bestow. I would be deficient in every principle of true humanity did I not express to you my hearty appreciation of your kindly feelings toward me, past and present, which have culminated

in bestowing upon me the great honor which rests upon me to-night.

I will not detain you and this great audience by entering into an elaborate recital of the origin and progress of the Order of the Temple. These important facts have past into and become a part of the history of the world's great transactions.

They have also been recited so often by my illustrious predecessors, that I deem it unnecessary to repeat the same. Let us, however, never forget, how, when the persecutions of the Pilgrims to the Holy Sepulchre by the barbarians who held dominion over Palestine, cried to heaven for vengeance, the knights of old sprang into existence for their protection.

Human laws were as nothing to those who conceived themselves called upon by the voice of God.

" Moderation was cowardice ; indifference, treason ; opposition, sacrilege ; domestic feeling, love of country, family, and every tender affection of the heart were to be sacrificed to the ideas and reasonings that carried away all Europe. The whole west resounded with those holy words 'Whosoever bears not his cross, nor follows me, is unworthy of me.' "

And so the knights went forth to battle, fighting long and desperately, even unto death, against those whose proud foot spurned the dust once pressed by the meek footsteps of Christ, and whose insulting heel was upon his Holy Sepulchre.

Broken-hearted pilgrims, who came from afar, with faith and humility, to gaze upon those hallowed scenes, were buffeted, pierced and killed. Their religion was profaned, their temples polluted, until at last, inspired by the burning eloquence of the Hermit, every Christian prince and potentate was electrified, and all Europe was vocal with the battle cry of the Crusaders.

" The victory was at last won ; Jerusalem delivered ; the polluting infidel driven from the Holy Tomb and the Moslem crescent made to trail beneath the floating standard of the Cross."

May we never forget these terrible events of former ages against wrong and oppression, but keep in constant remembrance the fact that we, as the successors and representatives of these chivalrous Knights, have just as important duties to perform as they.

Shall we sit with our hands folded and simply meditate upon what they accomplished in the past, and feel that there is nothing for us to do? Every teaching of our Holy Order, of which we profess to be the exponents, answers no.

There is much land to be possessed, and, if we are true to our teachings, we will buckle on "the whole armor of God, that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Ah, yes, dear Sir Knights, we have a great work to do, not against the usurpers of the Holy Sepulchre, but against spiritual wickedness in high places; against the powers of darkness which would undermine the holy religion of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

This is your model, and in His cross you must glory.

I entreat you to conform your lives to this great pattern, who, when on earth, spent his time in doing good. Take up the cross and follow Him daily. Carry joy and happiness wherever you go, for in so doing you will be fulfilling your high duty as Knights Templar.

I do not wish to detain you longer, for there are others to be installed, but I am reminded of a poem written by Sir Rob. Morris, that covers the ground so beautifully, that I will close my address by reading. The poem was originally read before an assembly of Commanderies in Philadelphia some years ago.

The Master is Come, and Calleth for Thee."

("The Master is come, and calleth for thee."—John xi, 28.)

Oh, gallant Knights, in fitting garb arrayed,
With helmet high, and cross, and glittering blade,
Met to do honor to a stranger Knight,
Worn in life's strife, and weary of the fight,
Brave warriors in a warfare not to cease,
Till all mankind shall find celestial peace.

While in this noble chamber met,
Where zeal, and light, and love abound,
Let's sit around the Master's feet,
And listen to his gracious sound:
The Master,—Prince Immanuel,—
The sound, that Word we love so well!

If in this matchless fane our Lord would come,
If now and here Jesus would make his home,
If face to face 'twere ours to see that head,
Once scarred with thorns, once buried with the dead;
If in our hands that hand were laid, so torn
With cruel spikes, alas! on cross-tree borne—
What startling questions, gallant Templars, might
Our Grand Commander ask of us to-night.

"Servants of Jesus, bold and free,
What hast thou done, Sir Knight, for me?"

I saw a widow's tears—I heard the cry—
Her little ones in rags and misery,
Her household lamp gone out, her firelight dead—
In loneliness and lack of needed bread.
Then, Master, in Thy place I stood; my hand
Was opened wide to that unhappy band;
I fed them, clothed them, heard the widow's prayer
Praising his name who saved them from despair.
This, O Lord, I did for Thee;
Thou hadst done so much for me!

"Servants of Jesus, bold and free,
What hast thou done, Sir Knight, for me?"

I found a brave man compassed round with foes;
On every side reproaches, threats and blows;
In innocence he bravely strove and well,
And many a foe beneath his good sword fell;
But, nature fainting, soon his arm were numb,
Had not my cross-hilt sword relieving come.
Then, Master, in Thy place I stood; my blade
Flew swiftly from its scabbard to his aid;
I shielded him, I smote till close of day,
And drove them, wounded and ashamed, away.
This, O Lord, I did for Thee;
Thou hadst done so much for me!

"Servants of Jesus, bold and free,
What hast thou done, Sir Knight, for me?"

I saw a drooping heart; his youth had fled,
Friends of his manhood all had joined the dead;
He stood beside a monumental stone,
A mourner, broken-hearted and alone;
Hopes, once as bright and flowery as the spring,
All withered, flown upon returnless wing.
Then, Master, in Thy place I stood; I showed
From Thine own speech the promises of God,
Pointed Thy form upon the radiant Throne,
And bade him make those promises his own.
This, O Lord, I did for Thee,
Thou hadst done so much for me!

"Servants of Jesus, bold and free,
What hast thou done, Sir Knight, for me?"

Master, Divine, in all life's weary round,
None so unhappy as myself I found;
Blind, naked, sin-polluted, wholly lost,
A wreck upon the ocean, tempest-tossed;
Naught could I do to gain Thy loving smile,
For all my doings, like myself, were vile.
Then, Master, to Thyself I flew! I plead
Thy righteousness, who conquered o'er the dead!
Placed all my hopes and trust within Thy hand,
And now, obedient, wait Thy full command!
This, O Lord, I did for Thee,
Thou hadst done so much for me!

Sir Knights, well done! the high award is given,
His open Word assures us of His praise;
It is not far from faithful heart to heaven;
Almost we see Him by faith's earnest gaze;
Sir Knights, well done! 'tis written bold and free,
"Ye did it unto them and unto me!"

It is but little any man can do,
So brief is life, so trifling human power;
But as on earthly pilgrimage we go,
There are occasions every day and hour
Wherein His hand is seen, and be our care
To act as Jesus would were Jesus there."

The widow's tears are His, for "Jesus wept;"
  The imperiled Knight is His; leap forth, ye blade!
The broken heart is His; while others slept,
  Christ, in Gethsemane, so wept and prayed;
He left this sin-struck world, Sir Knight, to us,
  To teach its comfort and remove its curse.

Leap forth, good swords! stand, warriors, on your feet
  In serried rank bear one another up!
By this sign conquer! it is full, complete,
  You need no other sign, no other hope!
And when from nerveless hands the sword shall fall,
The Master will reward and comfort all.

Sir Knight George B. Wilson, E. Commander of St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, then stepped forward and said:—

Sir William W. Allen, Right Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania:—St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, of Pennsylvania, have delegated me to present to you this beautiful sword, belt and shoulder straps, as a slight testimonial of their love and esteem for you. I trust, sir, that in the discharge of your various duties as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, you will wear them with pleasure, sir, and to the credit of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight William W. Allen, in reply, said:—

Eminent Sir George B. Wilson, Eminent Commander of St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, Sir Knights:—I scarcely know what to say further on this occasion. I feel, indeed, so overcome with this act of your generosity, that it is almost impossible for me to reply. Just a few moments ago, I might say, I had a slight intimation that I should be ready for some surprise or other, and now I see what that intimation meant. At the same time I feel, Sir Knight, and Sir Knights, that it would be impossible for me to reply in fitting terms to this act of your knightly generosity. I know that this is but a token of the kindly feeling that you and your

Commandery, of which I have the honor to be a member, entertain towards me. I know that this is a spontaneous mark of your affection, and I know that this beautiful sword, this belt, and these shoulder straps are but the synonyms of what is hidden in those loving hearts of yours; and I will, Eminent Sir Knight, and Sir Knights, endeaver, by the help of God, always to be worthy of your kindness, not only manifested to me at this time, in the presentation of this beautiful sword, but at all times. You have always been kind to me, more than I deserve, I assure you, and it is by your help, Eminent Sir Wilson, and my dear friends of St. Alban Commandery, that I stand here to-night as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania.

Solo and Quartette....."The Wayside Cross."

Alpine Quartette.

Messrs. Weeden, Nuttall, Strous and Forney.

Installation of

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, E. Sir Knight Torrence C. Hipple.
E. Grand Generalissimo, E. Sir Knight John J. Wadsworth.
E. Grand Captain-General, E. Sir Knight Joseph S. Wright.

[The Grand Prelate, E. Sir Knight Rev. W. Henry Platt; the Grand Treasurer, E. Sir Knight M. Richards Mucklé; and the Grand Recorder, E. Sir Knight Charles E. Meyer, having been re-elected, were not re-installed.]

"The King of Love my Shepherd is" .....Shelley.

Allegheny Quartette.

Messrs. Slack, Horner, Amberson and Brown.

Installation of

Grand Senior Warden, E. Sir Knight James H. Codding.
Grand Junior Warden, E. Sir Knight Charles C. Baer.
Grand Standard Bearer, E. Sir Knight Harry M. Vanzandt.
Grand Sword Bearer, E. Sir Knight Samuel W. Wray.
Grand Warder, E. Sir Knight William H. Burkhardt.
Grand Captain of the Guard, E. Sir Knight William H. Slack.

"Te Deum".....Dow.

Charge to the Sir Knights by Grand Prelate.

"Coronation." All will unite in singing.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.

"Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all."

Concluding with "Old Hundred."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

[Accompanists—Will McComsey, Sam'l Brown. The music was under the direction of Prof. Wm. H. Slack, Chas. C. Baer, Committee.]

After the audience had been dismissed the Grand Commandery resumed its labors.

The R. E. Grand Commander made the following appointments:—

COMMITTEES.

Doings of the Grand Officers.

R. E. Sir George W. Kendrick, Jr.,

Matthew M. Felker, John G. Humer,
Henry W. DeWitt, John W. Farnsworth.

Dispensations and Charters.

E. Sir Joshua L. Lyte,

Edmund J. Sawyer, Joseph A. Weaver,
Charles W. Brower, William H. Hoskins.

By-Laws.

E. Sir Frank M. Highley,

William T. Butz, T. S. Adle,
Samuel B. Keppel, Lewis H. Eppley.

Finance.

E. Sir Daniel Sutter,

Daniel B. Else, Samuel B. Kennedy,
John Schuyler, Jr., Frederick Whittlesey.

Grievances and Appeals.

R. E. Sir Geter C. Shidle,

Frank B. Speakman, Luther R. Fine,
Stephen C. Fraley, William B. Baker.

Next Place of Meeting.

E. Sir Thomas L. Hess,

George L. Friday, William D. Pollard,
John M. Sprague, John Westerman.

Unfinished Business.

E. Sir William R. Baillie,

J. R. Graves, R. K. Laycock,
William Hunt, George S. Coburn.

Mileage and Per Diem.

E. Sir Samuel W. Wray,

William H. Beck, John W. Dusenbury.
William J. Fleming, John M. Peoples.

Templar Jurisprudence.

R. E. Sir John P. S. Gobin,

Charles F. Foster, Charles A. Zerbe,
Thomas R. Patton, Charles H. Cummings.

Foreign Correspondence.

E. Sir William J. Kelly,

John M. McGonigle, Anthony E. Stocker,
William H. Egle, James H. Hopkins.

Printing and Publishing.

E. Sir Mark Richards Mucklé.

Charles E. Meyer, Charles M. DeLong,
George A. Carstens, Abram Seivard.

Credentials.

E. Sir A. McI. DeWitt,

William H. Vermillyea, D. J. Rogers.

Division Commanders.

No. 1.—Under the personal supervision of the Grand Commander, William W. Allen, Philadelphia, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 2, Philadelphia; 4, Philadelphia; 29, Philadelphia; 36, Philadelphia; 47, Philadelphia; 53, Philadelphia; 54, Philadelphia.

No. 2.—Lee S. Smith, Past Grand Commander, Pittsburgh, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 1, Pittsburgh; 3, Washington; 7, Brownsville; 18, Greensburg; 35, Allegheny City; 48, Pittsburgh; 49, Uniontown; 59, Allegheny City, 62, New Castle.

No. 3.—Torrence C. Hipple, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Lock Haven, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 22, Williamsport; 28, Wellsboro; 46, Lock Haven.

No. 4.—John J. Wadsworth, E. Grand Generalissimo, Erie, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 20, Erie; 51, Corry; 63, Warren.

No. 5.—James H. Codding, Towanda, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 16, Towanda; 60, Tunkhannock; 64, Canton.

No. 6.—Irving P. Wanger, Norristown, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 15, Phœnixville; 32, Norristown; 55, Coatesville.

No. 7.—Harry W. Orchard, Sharon, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 25, Meadville; 50, Sharon.

No. 8.—Charles L. Wheeler, Bradford, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 40, Ridgeway; 58, Bradford.

No. 9.—John S. Hurlburt, Pittston, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 14, Carbondale; 17, Scranton; 27, Great Bend; 45, Wilkesbarre; 57, Pittston.

No. 10.—Luther R. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 8, Carlisle; 11, Harrisburg; 56, Chambersburg.

No. 11.—Charles A. Zerbe, Lewistown, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 26, Lewistown; 33, Bellefonte; 65, Huntingdon.

No. 12.—John Barbey, Reading, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 9, Reading; 24, Lebanon; 42, Reading.

No. 13.—Laird H. Barber, Mauch Chunk, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 19, Easton; 20, Allentown; 23, Mauch Chunk.

No. 14.—George R. Welchans, M. D., Lancaster, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 13, Lancaster; 21, York; 34, Columbia.

No. 15.—Emil C. Wagner, Girardville, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 31, Tamaqua; 39, Ashland; 41, Pottsville.

No. 16.—John J. Fisher, Oil City, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 38, Titusville; 43, Oil City; 44, Franklin.

No. 17.—Alexander J. Frick, Danville, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 12, Bloomsburg; 37, Danville.

No. 18.—John H. Dibert, Johnstown, Pa., Commanderies Nos. 10, Altoona; 61, Johnstown.

The Grand Commandery was then closed in peace, to assemble at the city of Easton, Northampton county, on Tuesday, May 28, 1889, at three o'clock, P. M.

Grand Commander.

Attest:

Grand Recorder.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Office of the
R. E. Grand Commander of Pennsylvania,
Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia, June 5, 1888.

To Division Commander, Division No.—.

My Dear Frater:—With confidence in your ability and your devotion to the cause of Templar Masonry, I take great pleasure in appointing you to the office of a Division Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Being, by this appointment, the representative of the Grand Commander in the oversight of the Commanderies in your Division, you will, I trust, fully appreciate the great importance of a thorough attention to the duties devolving upon you in the position to which you are now called.

I shall expect an acknowledgment of this appointment by return mail, either accepting or declining same.

In view of acceptance, I promulgate the following orders, to which you will give immediate attention, viz.:—

I. You will, as soon as possible, visit the several Commanderies in your Division, and inform yourself, by personal inspection, of the general condition of the same, specially in regard to the management of business details, whether minutes are kept in conformity with form prepared by the Grand Recorder, in obedience to Resolution passed by the Grand Commandery at its Annual Conclave, held in Philadelphia, May 24, 1887 (two copies of which form were sent to each and every Commandery). You will see that every Commandery is fully equipped for the conferring of the Orders, and that there are present in the Asylums the latest edition of the Book of the Law and supplement to same, containing the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America (Editions of 1877 and 1883). You will see that the Commanderies are using the authorized Rituals of the Order, as promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States, both Red Cross and Temple, and

Malta. There has been too much laxity in complying with this edict, and there must be no further delay. No matter how distasteful it may be to comply with this or any other law or edict of the Order, we are bound to obey as long as the same exists. Neither your Grand Commander or any member of the Order has any other choice in the matter than to obey. A copy of this Ritual is hereby sent by permission of the Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States of America for your own use. It is the property of the Grand Encampment, and must be returned to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania at the end of the present Templar year, unless sooner recalled.

II. You will make full report of said particulars, on blank enclosed herewith, on or before the first day of October next.

III. It is expected that you will make at least one other official visitation to each of your Commanderies during the Templar year, and as much oftener as you may deem advisable. Your personal expenses only will be allowed in making visitations, when accounts are rendered at the end of the Templar year.

IV. Let it be understood that in visiting Commanderies you are not to interfere unnecessarily with their regular business, unless called upon for advice or counsel in your official capacity.

V. All questions or appeals and your opinion on same *must be made in writing*, and the same submitted to the R. E. Grand Commander for decision.

VI. If possible, have the various Commanderies in your Division to convene at one point, the most convenient, during the Templar year, for the exemplification of, and instruction in, the Ritual, either by yourself or some officer or past officer thoroughly competent to give instruction. Encourage visiting between the several Commanderies, as such visits are always productive of good fellowship and Knightly courtesy.

VII. The orders in regard to wearing uniforms in the Asylum must be obeyed. No Master Mason or Royal Arch Mason would be allowed in Lodge or Chapter without

appropriate regalia; neither should a Knight Templar be allowed in the Asylum without his uniform. It is certainly not oppressive to any Sir Knight to *at least* appear with the CAP, SWORD and BELT. The habit of Sir Knights appearing in the Asylum without a vestige of the uniform upon them *must be discountenanced.*

WILLIAM W. ALLEN,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL.]

HEADQUARTERS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, June 5, 1888.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Members of the several Commanderies subordinate to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:—

The Right Eminent Grand Commander extends a Knightly greeting, and promulgates the following orders:—

I. We would extend our most sincere and hearty congratulations upon the peace and harmony existing within our borders, and upon the general prosperity of our beloved Order. Let us never forget the duty devolving upon us as individuals of maintaining the holy teachings and furthering the interests of the kingdom of our blessed Emanuel, the spotless Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world. Let the teachings of our Order be *no mere sentimentality, but a living, acting principle governing and controlling our lives, so that* every one may take *note of us that we are*, in reality, soldiers of the Cross and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. The ritual adopted and promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States at its Conclave, held in the city of St. Louis in 1886, is the only authorized work of the Order, *and no other will be used.* There has been too

much delay in adopting this work in our Commanderies. We have no option in this matter but to obey. We have instructed our several division Commanders to visit the Commanderies in their various divisions as soon as practicable, and report to us whether the adopted work is being used or not. This must include the working of the Malta degree either by the long or short ceremonial, which is left optional with the Eminent Commanders.

Your Grand Commander recommends that the Commanderies use their own pleasure in regard to that which is made optional in the opening and closing ceremonies, directing further that the triangle and singing be used; *but, above all, that the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer be never omitted.* The foregoing were recommended by our last Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, in his report, and were unanimously approved by the Grand Commandery. I desire further to say that the same meets with the hearty approval of your present Grand Commander.

III. No Eminent Commander will permit his Commandery to be opened, nor will he permit any business to be transacted, unless there be present NINE SIR KNIGHTS, MEMBERS OF HIS COMMANDERY in good and regular standing and entitled to vote, one of them being an officer competent and legally qualified to preside. This is emphasized because the number *seven* is mentioned in the adopted ritual, but which has been corrected by an edict of the Grand Master.

IV. The subject of uniform having been definitely and unanimously settled at the last Conclave of the Grand Commandery, which decision was in conformity to the wish of a majority of the Commanderies, each Eminent Commander will be held to strict accountability for the proper clothing of the members of his Commandery, which is as follows, viz.:—

Full Dress.—Black frock coat, black pantaloons, scarf, sword, belt, shoulder straps, buff-colored gloves, and chapeau, with appropriate trimmings.

Fatigue Dress.—Same as full dress, except for chapeau a black cloth cap, navy form, with appropriate cross in front, and white gloves.

Scarf.—Five inches wide in the whole, of white, bordered with black, one inch on either side, a strip of navy lace one fourth of an inch wide at the inner edge of the black. On the front centre of the scarf, a

medal star of nine points, in allusion to the nine founders of the Temple Order, inclosing the Passion Cross, surrounded by the Latin motto, "*In hoc Signo Vinces;*" the star to be three and three-quarter inches in diameter. The scarf to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, with the ends extending six inches below the point of intersection.

Chapeau.—The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, one white and two black plumes, and appropriate cross on the left side.

[Those who have held office in Grand Commandery are entitled to wear the Templar Cross. No gold stripes or bands or tassels will be allowed.]

Sword.—Thirty-four to forty inches, inclusive of scabbard, helmet head, cross handle, and metal scabbard.

Belt.—Red enamelled or patent leather, two inches wide, fastened around the body with buckle or clasp.

[No lace or gold stripes are permitted.]

Cap.—Navy form, black cloth, narrow leather strap, fastened at the sides with small metal Templar's Cross, and with appropriate cross in front.

[No lace or gold cords will be permitted.]

Distinctions.—The Sir Knights will wear white metal, wherever metal appears. Commanders and Past Commanders, Grand and Past Grand Officers, gold.

Crosses.—Sir Knights, Commanders, and Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies will wear the PASSION CROSS; Grand and Past Grand Officers of State Commanderies, the TEMPLAR CROSS; Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment, the PATRIARCHAL CROSS; the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, the CROSS OF SALEM, which is the Patriarchal Cross, with an additional bar in the centre.

The various crosses, as designated, to be worn on the side of the chapeau, and on the scabbard of the sword. Those on the chapeau to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch.

[Templar's Cross is four triangles united. Maltese Cross has eight (8) points.]

Although the Grand Encampment gave each Grand Commandery the privilege of adopting a uniform agreeable to its own membership, yet "the insignia of rank shall always be under the exclusive control and regulation of the Grand Encampment; and no authority shall alter, modify, or in any way interfere therein." The regulation shoulder straps are as follows, and must be strictly adhered to:—

For the Officers and Past Grand Officers of a Grand Commandery.—PRESENT OFFICERS, bright red silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Templar's Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered (Old English Characters), in silver, on the lower end of the strap.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS will wear, instead of bright red silk velvet, ROYAL PURPLE VELVET.

For the Commander and Past Commander of a Subordinate Commandery.—Emerald green silk velvet, one and a half inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in centre.

PAST COMMANDERS will wear, instead of emerald green silk velvet, BRIGHT RED SILK VELVET.

For the Generalissimo.—Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross the Square, surmounted with the Paschal Lamb.

For the Captain-General.—Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross the Level, surmounted with the Cock.

Officers below the rank of Captain-General of a Commandery are not permitted to wear shoulder straps. *All gold lace and gold cord must be taken from chapeau, cap and sword belts.*

V. Attention is called to the importance of members appearing at the meetings of their Commanderies properly uniformed. We must insist that no member be admitted to any Asylum without at least the CAP, SWORD AND BELT; and we would recommend that the officers be at all times in full Templar uniform, and the members in fatigue, except when otherwise ordered for special occasions. No member can justly object to wearing his fatigue uniform any more than he can object to enter his Lodge or Chapter without proper clothing.

VI. The wearing or exposing of any jewel or badge when in Templar uniform, full or fatigue, other than those belonging to or approved by the Grand Commandery (Commandery badges excepted), Chapter or Blue Lodge, is *positively prohibited.*

VII. Officers of Commanderies will give strict attention to the duty of becoming thoroughly conversant with the Book of the Law and its Supplement, also, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Commandery; and, although your Grand Commander will always be most happy to hear from any Subordinate Commandery or individual Sir Knights who may apply to him for counsel or advice, yet he would suggest that a careful examination of the authorities will often prevent trouble, and save time in determining points of law, without referring to him.

VIII. A new edition of the *Tactics and Drill*, revised, will be shortly issued, and can be had on application to the

Grand Recorder. Due notice of publication will be given to each Commandery.

IX. The Grand Commandery decided to hold its Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave at Easton, Northampton County, on the fourth Tuesday of May (28), 1889. The annual parade will be held on Tuesday morning, May 28, 1889.

X. Eminent Commanders will see that copies of all notices be sent to the Grand Commander, at No. 134 S. Fourth street, Philadelphia, to the Grand Recorder, at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and also to their division Commanders.

And now, in conclusion, we would most fervently invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon every Commandery and upon each individual Sir Knight in this jurisdiction. May grace, mercy and peace abound in your hearts and in your meetings, and may each strive to promote the happiness of his brother Sir Knight, that it may be said of us, in the words of the Psalmist:—

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

"It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments;

"As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

Attest:
CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder.
[SEAL]

WM. W. ALLEN,
R. E. Grand Commander.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PHILADELPHIA, June 5, 1888.

William W. Allen, *R. E. Grand Commander.*

To the Eminent Commander of.....Commandery, No.....
K. T., Pennsylvania:—

The following order has been received from the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of

America. You will cause it to be read at your next stated Conclave, and see the same complied with until further orders.

WM. W. ALLEN,
R. E. Grand Commander.

Official:

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder.

[SEAL]

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
No. 4 IRVING PLACE, NEW YORK.

To all Grand Commanderies and all Subordinate Commanderies holding Charters from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America:—

WHEREAS, At the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, held in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, on the 24th day of September, 1886, the Ritual then and there adopted was declared to be the only authorized Ritual to be used in conferring the orders of the Red Cross and Knights Templar within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Encampment, and it was declared that the Order adopting the same should take effect from and after the first day of April, 1887; and,

WHEREAS, The Grand Encampment did further provide that copies of said Ritual should be sent to the several Grand and Subordinate Commanderies throughout the United States; and,

WHEREAS, After copies of said authorized Ritual had been sent to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of the State of Iowa, and by him distributed to the several Commanderies within said State, the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Iowa did recall the said Rituals from said Commanderies and caused the same to be returned to said Grand Recorder; and,

WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of Iowa, at its stated annual Conclave held on the sixth day of October, 1887, did confirm the action of said Grand Commander, and did disregard and assume to suspend the operation of the action of the Grand Encampment, taken on the 24th day of September, 1886, adopting said Ritual and ordering the distribution thereof; and,

WHEREAS, Thereafter, on the twenty-first (21st) day of March, A. D. 1888, I, Charles Roome, as Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, did declare the aforesaid act of the Grand Commander of Iowa to be null and void and of no effect, and did order and require the Grand Commander of Iowa to cause the said Rituals to be reissued to the several Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Iowa and each of them, and that from the time of such reissue they and every of them should adopt, use and strictly conform to the said Rituals and none other; and,

WHEREAS, The Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Iowa has refused, and still absolutely refuses, to conform to and obey the mandate of the Grand Encampment requiring the distribution of said Rituals, and the order issued by me as aforesaid on the 21st day of March, 1888:

Now, therefore, I, Charles Roome, Grand Master of of Knights Templar of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested, do by these presents declare the Grand Commandery of Iowa and all Sir Knights in its obedience to be in a state of *disloyalty* and *rebellion*, contrary to their vows as Knights Templar and their promised allegiance to the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

And until this order is revoked, I interdict all Templar intercourse between the Grand Commandery of Iowa and all Sir Knights in its obedience and the *loyal Knights Templar of the United States.*

Let this order be read at the head of the lines at the earliest opportunity after its receipt.

Done at the city of New York, New York, this twenty-eighth day of May, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770.

CHARLES ROOME,
Grand Master.

In compliance with the foregoing edict of the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, I do, by his order, certify the same to you; and,

In testimony thereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Grand Encampment, at Richmond, Va., this second day of June, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770.

[SEAL] WILLIAM B. ISAACS,
Grand Recorder.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania :—

Your Committee on Correspondence, through its chairman, courteously reports: We have examined the proceedings of such Grand Commanderies we are in correspondence with, which came to us from our Grand Recorder. The list is as follows:—

Alabama,	1887	Massachussets and R. I.	1887
Arkansas,	1887	Minnesota,	1887
California,	1887	Missouri,	1887
Colorado,	1887	Mississippi,	1887
Dakota,	1887	Michigan,	1887
England and Wales,	1887	Nebraska,	1887
Georgia,	1887	New York,	1887
Illinois,	1887	Oregon,	1887
Indiana,	1887	Ohio,	1887
Iowa,	1887	Tennessee,	1887
Kansas,	1887	Texas,	1887
Kentucky,	1887	Vermont,	1887
Maine,	1887	West Virginia,	1887
Maryland,	1887	Wisconsin,	1887

We have read the above proceedings carefully, and are pleased to say we find little in them to criticise. On the contrary, there is much to please and gratify us, for the courteous and pleasant manner in which our jurisdiction has been mentioned by all the Committees, and for the large extracts taken from the address of our Past Grand Commander, always with kind approval and pleasant reference.

We owe gratitude personally for many kind expressions to ourselves.

There is but little to report of the actions of other Grand Bodies, as they, without exception, like ourselves, have followed in the groove we have been running in for some time. There was nothing reported in the various proceedings, that we now recall, that was out of the line which had been noticed by the reporters time and time again, except in Ohio.

From Ohio we have taken a very full report from the Grand Commander's address, from the Proceedings and from the Correspondence report, and we call your especial attention to the subject, for the reason it may do good to realize how desperate we may become when we embark in enterprises so questionable as this seems to be.

The report, as given of the action of the Grand Commander of Kentucky, is an evidence of how reckless a partizan may become, when he would deliberately endeavor to embroil his jurisdiction in a strife, the consequences of which he could not foresee. As the Proceedings of Kentucky are silent upon the subject, and Ohio makes their statements without reservation, we must conclude the facts are as given by the last-named, and we sincerely trust it is the last of its kind we shall ever hear of again.

We have clipped to a certain extent, because we find many matters old and usual, but treated in so bright and interesting a manner as to give us the assurance that you will be gratified in reading them.

ALABAMA.

The 27th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Mobile, May 18, 1887, Daniel Smith, Grand Commander, presiding. His address was a complete

history of his actions—Dispensations issued, Dispensations refused, General Orders, etc.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir Daniel Sayre, who reviews a number of grand jurisdictions in a pleasant and fair manner. Pennsylvania for 1886 is noticed.

We find in his review of us that he complains that Alabama was not among the number we had before us. We are sorry that such complaint was possible, and hope the Sir Knight will score our Grand Recorder, or the post office authorities, or whoever was to blame. We assure him it did not come to our hands, or the occasion for complaint would not have existed, as we hold it to be a bounden duty to notice all that comes.

John Douglas Wilkins Gilmer elected Grand Commander; * Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

The Fifteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Pine Bluff, April 19, 1887.

We quote the following as a good thought.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas:—

It is hard to realize that a year has gone since we last met in Annual Conclave, yet such is the fact. A twelvemonth ago we parted at the termination of our labors and went our several ways, to attend to our various private duties and business. No one of us could then lift that veil which mercifully hides the future from the present, and which no human ken can ever pierce. The hours have lengthened into days; the days have passed into weeks; the weeks have sped on to months; and the months have rounded out the year. What was then hidden by futurity has now become the history of the past. Is that history to you one of anticipations realized? Of hopes ended in fruition? Of business

*As we are writing the notice comes of the death of Sir Knight Daniel Sayre, Grand Recorder, and we regret that we are not now permitted to pay such a tribute as we would like to the memory of this faithful Mason and Knight Templar.

crowned with success? Of the family circle unbroken? If so, be assured of my sincere congratulations. Is the memory of that year to you one clouded by disappointments? Does it contain the remembrance of reverses and loss? Has the shadow of the tomb rested over it? If so, I extend to you my fraternal sympathy. But whatever our experience, let us, with grateful hearts, acknowledge to-day the kind favor and protection of Him who, be our pathway strewn with flowers or covered with thorns, is "too wise to err, too good to be unkind."

The balance of the address was good, but local in its interest.

The session was harmonious and pleasant. No report on Correspondence.

Philip Dodridge McCulloch elected Grand Commander; James Austin Henry re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the City of San Francisco, April 28, 1887.

From the address of the Grand Commander we quote the following decisions:—

First.—A Templar, in good standing, paid all dues and demanded a dimit and recommendatory certificate; he received the first, but not the latter. He contended that, being in good standing and free of the books, he was entitled as a matter of right to a recommendatory certificate. I held that the certificate could only issue by order of the Commandery, according to Article VIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws of subordinates. The Commandery, having a right to vote on the proposition, was vested with a discretion, and could give or refuse, as the members might deem proper; therefore, the Knight was not entitled to it as a matter of right.

Such certificates being in the nature of a guarantee to all Commanderies that the holder would make a desirable

member, I think it is properly left to the discretion of the Commandery to issue or not, as to its members may seem best. Still, Templars should look well to it that nothing but the weightiest reasons make them send a brother Knight forth in the world without a kind word to cheer him on his way.

The point in the above was what he calls a recommendatory certificate. Such a thing with us is unknown. A dimit he is entitled to, but the other seems to be a superfluous something which the Commanderies should be very careful in issuing, and certainly if issued at all, should only be done by vote of the Commandery.

The Committee on Jurisprudence sustained the ruling of the Grand Commander.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Thos. Hubbard Caswell, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Bodies, Pennsylvania for 1886 being among the number.

In his review of Kentucky he says as follows, in which we heartily agree :—

All very well, Sir Charles ; but once sever the connection between Commandery and Lodge, and we would not give a nickel for the future of Templarism. The Knights of Pythias would run it out of existence in less than a decade, for they are, at least, what they seem to be, and make no pretensions to be what they are not. Templarism derives all its attractiveness and respectability from its Masonic connection ; sever that, and it stands before the world an anomaly, a gilded fraud, a Dead Sea apple—fair without, but dust and ashes within. But we have no fear of any divorce from Ancient Craft Masonry by the Order of the Temple. The wise and level heads of the Order know too well the value of that connection to permit it voluntarily to be severed.

Answering New Hampshire, he says:—

Now let us look for a moment at this "wicked law," which our esteemed frater characterizes as a "great wrong." The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California declares that: "It is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge;" and to be consistent with that declaration, it also provides that any unaffiliated Mason who shall reside within the jurisdiction of a Lodge, without affiliating or *attempting* to affiliate, shall be deemed and treated as a Mason suspended for the non-payment of dues. Is there anything especially wicked or wrong in this? An unaffiliated Mason is not doing his duty by his brethren; he leaves them to bear the heat and burden of the day, while he, claiming all the rights and privileges of his Masonic connection, contributes nothing to the general good. Away with such Masons, say we; we want none of them in California. When they leave our jurisdiction, the ban of suspension is of course removed, and any body of Masons from New Hampshire to Texas may take them in and comfort them, for all California cares. But so long as they remain in this State, after their six months' residence has expired, without at least making an attempt to affiliate with some Lodge, and thus do their duty as Masons, they will receive neither aid nor comfort from the brethren of California.

To the above we respond, Amen!

Of Pennsylvania he quotes largely and approvingly from Grand Commander Alexander's address. He also speaks in his report of California not being included in our report of 1886. We express our sorrow for the omission, as it has always been our pleasure to read and digest the words and works of our fraters of California. The book did not come into our hands.

Reuben Hedley Lloyd re-elected Grand Commander; Thomas Hubbard Caswell re-elected Grand Recorder.

COLORADO.

Twelfth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Denver, September 22, 1887.

From the address we quote with great pleasure :—

A feature of the Masonic Community resident in this, perhaps the most beautiful valley in our State, is that harmony among the brethren which has characterized the Order there from its inception; no discords or contentions have ever arisen. That the reputation of Gunnison Commandery for unbounded hospitality, unwearied zeal in a brother's cause and universal benevolence is well deserved is our belief after visiting them at their homes and in their asylum.

And again, referring to De Molay, No. 13 :—

The following week I witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross and that of Knight Templar in their asylum. Within the jurisdiction of this Commandery is abundant material composed of the best type of Masonry. The promise of the future growth and prosperity of the Order in the Northwest are evident upon inspection, and as at Gunnison, the harmony of the lives of the brethren is a positive indication of the prevalence of that Christian charity inculcated by the practice of the tenets of our Order.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Harper M. Orahood, and reviews thirty-six Proceedings, Pennsylvania for 1886 being among the number, in which we are treated in his usual kind manner.

Aaron Gove, Denver, re-elected Grand Commander; Ed. C. Parmelee, Pueblo, re-elected Grand Recorder.

DAKOTA.

Fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Huron, June 7, 1887.

E. Sir Daniel G. Glidden presided and delivered a brief but interesting address and report two deaths. Several dispensations were granted and approved. The Order seems to be in a good condition throughout his jurisdiction.

The following was offered and laid over to be considered in the future:—

Resolved, This Grand Commandery acknowledges no degree of Masonry or Order of Knighthood to be regular, except those conferred by and under the authority of the following constituted authorities in the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to wit: the Grand Consistory, the Grand Encampment, and the General Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and the Grand Lodges of the several States. And any Knight holding to, or receiving, or having received any irregular degrees, under the assumed name of Masonry or Knighthood, shall be required to withdraw therefrom, under pain of being expelled from all participation in any of the privileges contained in the provisions of this Constitution; and no Commandery in this jurisdiction shall be permitted to receive any candidate or visitor into their respective bodies who in any manner or in anywise is concerned in or with such clandestine degrees.

No report on Correspondence.

Marc A. Brewer, Fargo, elected Grand Commander; Bruce M. Rowley, Huron, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES,
OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA.

The Annual Conclave was held in the city of London, December 10, 1886.

There seems to have been some little ruffling in acts of some subordinates, but it is so entirely local in its nature as not to require discussion by us.

GEORGIA.

The Annual Conclave was held in the city of Atlanta, May 18, 1887.

From the address of Grand Commander Ballantyne we quote and approve :—

There seems to be a growing tendency to avoid, if possible, the required delays in balloting for candidates and conferring the orders, and applications for dispensations for this purpose come thick and fast. This practice is not to be commended, for, at the same time that it encourages unseemly haste in the admission of candidates, it imposes useless work upon the Grand Officers. I would recommend that a fee of $5 per capita be charged for each person so dispensed, to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder with the application for dispensation ; such a rule has been adopted in some other Grand Jurisdictions.

We quote the following, with the remark that we think you had better keep Templars away from all days, where it is more fitting that the citizen should monopolize all the honors :—

While I have not deemed it advisable to depart from what has become customary in allowing a Commandery to parade on Decoration Day (26th April), more especially where the plea offered is the decoration of the graves of deceased fraters, I cannot permit this occasion to pass without expressing my disapproval of Templar parades on secular holidays. It is undoubtedly pleasant and proper to demonstrate our lasting regard and respect for those of our Order who have preceded us on the great journey, but it should be done upon some Templar Day, and might be made a part of a very impressive ceremonial, and I recommend that the Grand Commandery take some action upon this subject.

The Committee on Address of Grand Commander reported adversely upon the recommendation of the Grand Commander to charge $5 for dispensations to ballot out of time.

They also report upon the question of granting dispensation for decoration of Templar graves, and recommend it be left as at present.

The report on Correspondence reviews the doings of thirty-four Grand Commanderies ; is by the Grand Recorder, Sir Saml. P. Hamilton. We clip from his introduction the following :—

These reasons will account for the presence in this report of many matters which, while intended for the information and education of the Knights in Georgia (especially the younger members of the Order) in Templar matters, may not interest the Band of Mutuals, of which the reporter is not a member and has no desire to be, not having the time to waste in penning paragraphs of mutual admiration, or indulging in acrimonious and useless disputations.

Charles T. Watson, Atlanta, Grand Commander; Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

Thirty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Chicago, October 25, 1887.

Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, V. E. Grand Generalissimo and representative of the M. E. Grand Master, was in attendance, was formally welcomed and made reply, from which we quote as follows:—

Reciprocating your Knightly welcome to your asylum, in the name of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, in whose place I have the honor to stand for this occasion, I give you and the Grand Commandery of the Illinois jurisdiction the salute courteous. I hardly need say that in my own person, and for myself, the salutation is not less sincere. This grand jurisdiction stands in the front rank of Knightly achievement and Knightly repute. Wherever the banners of our Order wave that of the Illinois Knights is recognized with feelings of fraternal affection and pride. In all the now historic Triennial Conclaves of the Order in which I have been permitted to hold a humble place by the grace and favor of my fraters, I have seen the Illinois hosts in gallant array; I have enjoyed their munificent hospitality; I have rejoiced in their fellowship, and I have exulted in their noble bearing that has become proverbial. I have found exceptionally large numbers of them

always exemplifyng the ideal Templar—highbred, chivalric, concerned more for the general good than for that of the individual, and ambitious to show the world how the Templar in his personal relations with mankind emphasizes good citizenship. Zeal for his Order is the true Templar's rule of life, and when we say of any man that he is a true Templar we say all that can be said for the noblest manhood. This is the theory of it, and I am happy to feel assured that it also is largely the practice of it.

The above gives strong endorsement of our fraters of Illinois, but, we believe, well-deserved, and we especially quote it in the hope we may show our own fraters that true merit will not be allowed to go unrewarded.

From the Grand Commander's address we quote the following, which is sound doctrine :—

In our deliberations let us not legislate too much. For several years, in all Masonic Bodies, there has existed a tendency to change the pure and simple for the more complex and incomprehensible, and the plain and simple principles upon which they were founded have been so disguised by additions and alterations that the original cannot be detected; or they have become so complex and indefinite that yearly interpretation becomes positively necessary in order to have them properly understood, or render them adaptable.

Notwithstanding the fact that all things should conform to the spirit of the age, yet the beauty of things Masonic consists in their age and simplicity; and continual and great changes only foretell the downfall of the institution, or their direction into other channels than those originally designed.

The report on Correspondence was by Sir Henry C. Ranney, and is quite voluminous. Pennsylvania, for 1886, receives courteous notice and meets with his commendation. His conclusion we give entire; first, because he scores us very properly, and second, because there is information in the balance.

This report covers every Grand Jurisdiction, excepting Nebraska and Pennsylvania, for 1887; these both meet in May, and time enough has elapsed to furnish their proceedings. There is not much satisfaction in reviewing proceedings twelve to eighteen months old; we should suggest a little more promptness in printing; and to make statistics worth anything, that the time of meeting should be more uniform. About two-thirds of the Grand Commanderies meet in the first half of the year; would it be asking too much for the other third to fall into line?

We have devoted considerable space to Canada. Grand Master Moore apparently has but small respect for Templary as practiced in the United States, or the uniform in use with us. The claim made by that Great Priory, of concurrent jurisdiction all over the British world will not hold water; they had better set their own house in order first; there is abundant room for consolidation, rather than expansion. The Grand Master's views on this subject carried but little weight with them.

The proceedings of Grand Commanderies held since last Triennial of the Grand Encampment are of less general interest than usual. The transactions of the National Body meet with approval generally. The Ritual does not meet with hearty support. It will have to be revised in the near future, and a more compact phraseology adopted; in many places the language and expressions are crude, out of place, and are not in conformity with the Constitution and Edicts of the Order.

Harmony prevails, and the accessions to the Order have been large, but five jurisdictions only reporting a loss in membership.

Edward Starr Mulliner, Quincy, elected Grand Commander; Gilbert Wordsworth Barnard, Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The Thirty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Indianapolis, April 26, 1887.

From the Grand Commander's address we quote a decision which is instructive:—

Question.—A petition for the Orders is received; committee appointed; report favorable; no money yet deposited for the Orders; objections filed with Eminent Commander. What disposition is to be made of the petition? Can it be withdrawn? Must it go upon record that objections having been made against the applicant receiving the Orders, in order that it may act as a rejection? Could the recommenders, in view of the fact that no money had been deposited, ask to withdraw it, and, no one objecting, permit it to be done? When we organized, we mutually agreed that it would be to the credit of the Commandery not to cast dark ballots, and, if any one objected, to so state the fact to the committee or Eminent Commander. We could not go to a ballot, for no money is paid in; and, such being the case, could we enter it on records, to show him rejected, when the petition, under our By-Laws, was not ready for rejection by ballot?

Answer.—The law is that when a petition is presented to a Commandery it cannot be withdrawn, unless it should appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner. Section 30, 6 Code of Statutes, and Section 55, supplement to the Code, forbids the conferring of the Orders upon any one without the payment of the prescribed fee.

There is no Templar legislation as to an objection before ballot; and in this connection see Section 30, 8 (page 234, Ruckle), which says that an unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases. It would seem, therefore, that an objection before the ballot, even by the committee investigating the petition, does not prevent a ballot. Of course, an objection before ballot may be of such weight as to make it the duty of an Eminent Commander to cast a black ball.

The evasion of a black ball by the withdrawal of a petition, is exactly what the law is intended to prevent. The negligence of a Subordinate Commandery in enforcing its By-Laws, must not be made an excuse for a violation of the "General Law." The fact that the petitioner has not paid

his fee makes a black ball necessary, or, if elected makes an objection imperative.

Commanderies cannot excuse a violation of the law by pleading that they have agreed to do it.

In cases like the one referred to, the ballot should be spread, and, if clear (which it should not be under the circumstances), it is the duty of the Eminent Commander to object to conferring of the orders, for violation of good faith and the Commandery By-Laws.

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence fully endorsed the above decision.

Sir N. R. Ruckle made report on Correspondence.

Pennsylvania for 1886 is courteously noticed. The report is exceedingly well written and the summary which we quote is full of solid information:—

Our table of statistics is compiled from the reports contained in the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies for 1886. Our table of losses and gains is made by comparing the totals reported in 1885 with the reports of 1886, and consequently will show slight differences from the detailed reports under the head of each State, caused by Grand Recorders' errors either in their detailed reports or in their footings.

The Grand Bodies of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey and Tennessee, show an aggregate loss of 127.

New York still leads, with a membership of 7,755; Pennsylvania is second, with 7,422; and Illinois, with 6,854 members, crowds Massachusetts and Rhode Island, reporting 6,813, out of third place; Ohio is fifth, with 5,538; Michigan sixth, 3,650; Iowa seventh, 3,492; Missouri, with 2,571, eighth; Indiana, with 2,515, ninth.

Illinois claims the greatest increase, making a gain of 477, as shown in the detailed report of the Grand Recorder, but an actual gain of 555 as shown by comparison with the aggregate of the preceding year; Ohio gains 279; Massachusetts and Rhode Island shows by the detailed report a gain of 253, but as Grand Recorder Chapman reported a

total of 6,684 in 1885, there is a real increase over the report of that year of only 129. Wisconsin shows by comparison with previous report a gain of 223, but the detailed report shows that the increase is only 99.

Apollo Commandery, No, 1, of Chicago, again claims the distinction of being the largest Commandery in the world, reporting 630 members, with Boston No. 1, second, with 616; Mary of Philadelphia, St. John of Philadelphia, St. Bernard of Chicago, hold relatively the same rank, aggregating, respectively, 537, 532, 532. Monroe, of Rochester, is the largest Commandery in the State of New York, having 457 members.

Ephraim W. Patrick, Grand Commander; John M. Bramwell, Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Oskaloosa, October 6, 1887. R. E. Almon R. Denny, Grand Commander, presiding.

The address of welcome was delivered by Sir Knight W. R. Lacey, and was a very good effort. The Grand Commander delivered an address, local in character. In it he alludes to the project which had been started to secure a Knight Templar park, and which he seems to think is now an accomplished failure, and he very pointedly recommends they shall either raise sufficient funds to establish the park or at once abandon the project.

The Grand Commander seems to have but little regard for the laws of the Grand Encampment which do not suit him. He has ordered the return of the rituals which were sent to the Commanderies of his jurisdiction by order after their adoption by Grand Encampment. He argues himself into a justification of his action by the fallacious rule that, inasmuch as the Constitution of the Grand Encampment provides that

a majority vote shall be necessary to adopt a motion, and that the vote adopting a motion or resolution should be of the whole membership (not of those present only), and that, further, the vote adopting the ritual was but fifteen of the whole membership; hence, the new ritual was not properly adopted, and he sent out the following, recalling the ritual already in the hands of his Commanderies:—

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF IOWA,
APARTMENTS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER,
WASHINGTON, May 10, 1887.

Eminent Commander:—

A short time ago you were supplied with a ritual sent you from the Grand Recorder's office.

It is my order, and you are hereby commanded, to return at once the said ritual to the Grand Recorder, at Des Moines, Iowa. Herein fail not.

Courteously yours,
A. R. DEWEY,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
JOHN C. PARISH,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Grand Commander's Address endorses his views in the following manner:—

New rituals: The Grand Commandery of the State of Iowa does not question the power of the Grand Encampment to prescribe the entire ritual of this Order, and although we would gladly continue the use of the beautiful work prepared for us by our highly-accomplished and deeply-lamented Past Grand Commander, Robert F. Bower, yet we will promptly obey the mandates of the National Templar Body when lawfully enacted and proclaimed. We are compelled to say that when the rituals sent to us, by Grand Recorder Isaacs, were placed in our hands, we were painfully shocked that so insipid a piece of literature should ever have been sent forth in print bearing so important a title. We approve the Grand Commander's action in gathering in those books, the legality

of whose existence is, at least, somewhat doubtful, and we recommend that the matter of the ritual in this Grand Jurisdiction remain in the condition it now is until the next Triennial Conclave.

The report on Correspondence was again by Sir T. R. Ercanbrask, and reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Commanderies; Pennsylvania for 1886 being among the number which receives fraternal notice.

In his opening he speaks of the Grand Encampment fairly and properly, as follows:—

During the last Triennial period much discontent was expressed by several Grand Commanderies with the Grand Encampment and its environments. Complaint was made that the Supreme Body had become arbitrary; that it was gradually encroaching upon the rights of the Grand Commanderies. Fears were entertained in some quarters that the State Bodies would eventually have no reserved rights. To some the great Triennial parades had become odious. It was charged that the members of the Grand Encampment were so overwhelmed by the excitements of receptions, parades, and knightly cheer that it was impossible for them to give proper attention to the business they were sent to transact.

But in none of the proceedings presented for review this year can there be found a single word of disapprobation with the Conclave of the Grand Encampment held at St. Louis. All of the delegates to that exalted Body state that they were in attendance at all the morning and evening sessions; that ample time was given to the consideration of every important question, and that all the decisions reached were by such emphatic majorities as to command entire obedience.

Sir Clark Varnum elected Grand Commander; Alfred Wingate re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

The Grand Commandery met in the city of Salena, May 10, 1887.

From the report of the Grand Recorder we quote a paragraph.

The time allowed by law after the close of the Templar year for making up and sending in the annual returns of subordinate Commanderies and the payment of dues seems quite sufficient, yet many of our Recorders delay this important matter of business until the last hour, and many delay making their returns until the assembling of the Grand Commandery, and by this unnecessary delay very greatly inconvenience the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer in making up their annual statements, and many times delaying the business of the Grand Commandery.

The business of our Commanderies should be done strictly in a business-like manner with promptness, never putting off matters of business that ought to be done to-day until to-morrow; if you do, you will certainly have two days' work to do in one day.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Sir John H. Brown, and is a good report.

He strikes the keynote of the situation exactly in the following, which we take from his introduction:—

Sir Knights:—In preparing this report we have selected such matter from the reports of our contemporaries as we deemed of most interest to you and the fraternity in this Jurisdiction. The remarks and views of others upon topics of importance have received attention.

That there is a dearth of subjects for discussion, not already exhausted, is noticed by reviewers, and to us it is a pleasure to report that such is the fact.

Pennsylvania for 1886 is very fully noticed, and with commendation.

J. Jay Buck, Emporia, elected Grand Commander; John H. Brown, Wyandotte, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

Fortieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Danville, May 18, 1887.

The Sir and Rev. Green Clay Smith delivered an address of welcome, and used the following language:—

Every principle of this noble Order is derived from the Holy Bible, the great chandelier swung out from the highest heaven by the hand of God, to illuminate the darkened earth and lead the wayward, weary traveler to the Paradise of Him who said, "Let there be light, and there was light;" and through the centuries, as they have come and gone, this mighty Masonic Fabric has withstood the attacks and changes of men, times and revolutions, and to-day is as beautiful and bright in its character and influence as when the first foundation stone was laid and the cross crowned the steeple of the Temple with the inscription: "*Magna est veritas, et prevalebit.*"

The gates of our city are thrown open to you; our hospitality is tendered. We welcome you cordially, and trust your stay will be pleasant and agreeable; and when your labors are ended, may each one of you find a safe return to your homes and families, and be blessed with a long and healthy life in which to do good for your fellowmen and honor God.

The reply of the Grand Commander was peculiarly happy.

Past Grand Commander Guilbert, of Iowa, was present, and was warmly welcomed, and responded in a very pleasant and witty manner.

The address of the Grand Commander is good, covering local issues generally.

There was a very affecting scene enacted at the session of the Grand Commandery; Sir Horace Janney had been stricken with blindness during his term as Generalissimo.

He had tendered his resignation after his affliction, as he felt he should do.

At the election, however, his fraters unanimously elected him Deputy Grand Commander, and upon the announcement of the result, P. G. Guilbert addressed the Grand Commandery as follows:—

TEMPLARS OF KENTUCKY:—Successors of those historic pioneers who plucked the "Dark and Bloody Ground" from a very Hell of "Battle, Murder and sudden death," and bequeathed it to civilization and to you, I honor you as *men*, in that you have to-day been loyal to the traditions which have come down to you from true and trusty forefathers, and which inculcate chivalrous and unselfish devotion to friends. I salute you as "first among your equals" in Templary, forasmuch as with graceful unanimity you have obeyed that injunction in our ritual which teaches all of us, whenever we see a frater "bending under the Cross of adversity," to remember the self-abnegation of Simon of Cyrene, and then promptly to emulate that act of his which has made his name perennial in our asylums.

In all my varied Masonic experience, I have never witnessed a more pathetic scene than this; nor have I ever been cognizant of a Grand Body episode which so fully exemplifies what is taught us at the Triangle.

The audible sobs of the dear frater whom you have just shown that in the Grand Commandery of Kentucky blindness in itself is no bar to deserved promotion; the tear-bedimmed faces which I see around me—my own emotion—all combine to make me say to you, that nobler act than this never was done by a Grand Masonic Body.

May the adorable Master, whose creed you have this day put into your deed, abundantly bless you for your unparalleled magnanimity.

Perhaps, a year hence, it will be found that this act of yours has so infused our afflicted frater with hope; so renewed the failing springs of action in his nervous organism, as that the scales may have dropped from his eyes, and he be permitted joyfully to say—

Whereas I was blind *now* I see.

May He "whose eyes behold and whose eye-lids try the children of men" so order it in His infinite compassion.

The report on Correspondence is by Chas. R. Woodruff, who examines and reports upon the doings of thirty-five jurisdictions. Pennsylvania for 1886 receives fraternal notice. The report is exceedingly well written, and could we embody the whole report into this it would make pleasant reading.

Henry G. Sandifer, Danville, Grand Commander; Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Portland, May 4, 1887.

The address, is very full of the doings of the Grand Commander; nothing outside of local interest. The Proceedings also contain very full and interesting reports of the different graded officers who have visited and examined the various subordinate Commanderies in the jurisdiction.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Stephen Berry. In his notice of Kansas, he gives some information which is probably new to most of us. We quote:—

> Such practice was unknown until a very recent date, and we may say the direct outgrowth of these Grand Templar displays, and in those years known as the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. Our experience is the other way. In early days, from 1806 up, they did not hesitate to do both; and during the last thirty years we have noticed a continually-increasing strictness in both particulars. In 1856, we remember seeing a class of twelve receive together every part of the Order of the Temple, at the constitution of a Commandery, and we cannot imagine the possibility of such a thing now. In those days, too, the Commandery was its own judge about balloting on short time, and invariably decided to do it when the question came up. It is rather noteworthy, too, that some

of our ablest and most devoted members were rushed through in time for some great parade, and they justified it by a lifetime of faithful service. Grand Commander Freeman Bradford was a shining example of this.

Pennsylvania for 1886 is courteously and fraternally noticed.

William J. Burnham, Lewiston, Grand Commander; Ira Berry, Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

A special conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Baltimore, April 11, 1887.

From the address of the Grand Commander we quote as follows:—

I thought it best to visit the Commanderies quietly and unostentatiously, without the blast of trumpets or formal notice, endeavoring always to be present before the Commanderies opened.

In that way I have been enabled to fairly judge of the average attendance, the proficiency of the work and the general condition of the several bodies.

The above is respectfully submitted to Grand Commanders; isn't there good sense in it?

The following is good and we heartily endorse it:—

I would earnestly recommend the members of the Grand Commandery, as also of the Subordinates, to make visitations to other Commanderies, and by that means foster that Knightly feeling which should always abound among us. I am much gratified to see more visiting done during the past year than has been usual; but there should be more. Templars should try, and to a great extent lose their individuality

as members of their particular Commanderies, and think they are Knights Templar and at home in any Commandery.

I am also pleased to report that Maryland Commandery, No. 1, has, by resolution, decided to visit in a body each Commandery in the Jurisdiction. Several of these visits have been made, and were the occasion of much good feeling and fraternal congratulation. I would recommend to the other Commanderies the injunction, "Go thou, and do likewise."

Good old Maryland No. 1 is always in the front rank of usefulness.

The report on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Commanderies; Pennsylvania for 1886 being among the number, which is courteously and kindly reviewed.

J. A. Charles Kahler, elected Grand Commander; Charles Thomas Sisco re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Semi-annual Conclave in the city of Providence, May 21, 1887, Sir Edward P. Chapin, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding.

He rendered the following decision, which we think is erroneous. It was referred to a committee of three, but we are unable to find any report thereon.

Winslow Lewis Commandery asks, "Is it necessary that a petitioner for the Order should be a member of a Lodge and Chapter at the time of making application for the Orders?" to which I replied, "that it was not." In this decision I followed Templar law and usage as I interpreted it, though the form of application as prescribed by our Grand Constitution would imply, by the question "of what Lodge *now* a member, of what Chapter *now* a member," that he should.

Certain it is that it does not speak well of the zeal and value of a companion who is not a member when applying for the Orders, and the inference is that the Commandery will not retain his membership long.

A special Conclave was held at Malden, Mass., Oct. 25, 1887, Sir Edward P. Chapin, G. C., presiding.

The Eighty-second Annual Conclave was held in Boston, Oct. 26, 1887, E. P. Chapin presiding.

In his Annual Address, he reported his doings for the period between the semi-annual in May and this one. The following speaks for itself:—

E. Sir Rev. John W. Dadmun offered the following:— *Resolved*, That the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island deprecates and repudiates the printing of the esoteric ritual of Templar Masonry by the Grand Encampment of the U. S., and the more so because said ritual is in many particulars historically, philologically and grammatically incorrect.

After discussion, in which several Sir Knights took part, it was voted to adopt the first clause, ending with the words "U. S."

It was then voted to refer the second clause to the Special Committee of five on ritual.

The report on Correspondence was prepared in proportionate parts by three Companions, Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Henry W. Rugg and John W. Dadmun, and a very good report it is.

Reviewing Ohio, they say:—

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, having considered the first of these important cases, recommended confirmation of the action of the Grand Commander in arresting the charter of Newark Commandery, and its recommendation was adopted. The same Committee and the

Committee on Grievances, sitting as a Joint Committee in the case of Sir Henry D. Moore, reported that the Grand Commandery had original jurisdiction; that the proceedings taken in his trial were regular and in accordance with Templar law; that the evidence was sufficient to sustain the findings of the commission, and therefore they recommended that the decision of the Grand Commander be sustained. The entire report, with recommendations therein contained, was adopted. An appeal was taken to the Grand Encampment. However the law may be decided and the right vindicated, it is painful that the two cases noted should have arisen. "Offences must needs come; but woe unto those by whom they come." Strife and alienation have entered the lines of the Templar Order in Ohio; and while we have no disposition to attempt to fix the responsibility, we yet feel that much of the present bitterness might have been prevented. Be that as it may, we trust that the best and wisest counsels may prevail, to the end that all the equities involved may be preserved, and peace and harmony be again in the ascendancy.

In this connection, we notice the attempt made to repeal the resolution, construing Section 13, Article I, of the Constitution, adopted in 1883, having reference to illegitimate Masonry. The motion to repeal or rescind failed, seventy-nine votes being cast in the affirmative and one hundred and eighteen in the negative. Time will tell whether the course of the Grand Commandery has been wise in attempting to determine what are legitimate Masonic Bodies, and in proceeding so earnestly to stamp out the "bogus" rites. All things lawful are not expedient.

Pennsylvania for 1886 is very fraternally noticed. The address of G. C. Alexander is characterized as able.

George H. Allen, Lynn, elected Grand Commander; Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

The Annual Conclave was held in Lake City, on June 24, 1887.

The address of Grand Commander Birkett was good, but generally of local interest. The proceedings of this Conclave were brief, but harmonious.

The report on Correspondence was by Sir A. T. C. Peirson. Pennsylvania, for 1886, was fraternally noticed.

From his review of Colorado we take the following, which we presume was the model we built upon, as it expresses our own views exactly :—

Although it does not cover as many pages as some other reports, few contain as much information.

Thanks! Precisely our object, to give information that is not attainable to Sir Knights who have not access to the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies. We conceive that to be our mission. Our opinions are known to the Sir Knights of Minnesota; we give the opinions of others as confirmatory, or as evidence of differences.

MISSOURI.

Twenty-sixth Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of St. Louis, May 10, 1887.

The address of the Grand Commander was no doubt very interesting to members of his jurisdiction, and shows that he has been active in looking after his command and intelligent in deciding for their interest. We quote the following as showing the condition of the Order in Missouri :—

During the past year has had a pleasant, healthy growth. Nearly three thousand valiant Knights are now enlisted under our banners. The subordinates, generally, are in a more prosperous condition than could well be expected after the financial depletion consequent upon a Triennial year. The financial condition of the Grand Commandery is better than last year, yet from an exhibit of estimated receipts and disbursements made by the Grand Recorder, there will be a

lack of about $1,500 to meet all current expenses for the ensuing year. This matter needs attention and is properly part of the duties belonging to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

We find the report of the Special Committee on Triennial and reproduce it entire :—

We found a complete detailed report of all receipts and expenditures and receipted bills for all moneys expended. We congratulate the committee on the complete success of their work, and on the fact that the vast multitude in attendance on the occasion went away *well pleased* with their reception and entertainment, and satisfied that the high reputation of Missouri Templars for courtesy and hospitality had been fully maintained. Above all we congratulate the committee that their self-imposed labor of their Grand Charity Day Entertainment has resulted in raising a fund of over $30,000.00 for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Missouri. Demonstrating that while Templars enjoy their Triennial Reunions, and go to considerable expense to attend these great gatherings of Knights Templar from all parts of the country, still they have something for charity in addition to paying for their "fuss and feathers," and are glad of an opportunity to respond to such a call as was made by the Triennial Committee.

In view of the fact that part of the funds of the committee are in the Provident Bank (now in course of liquidation), a draft of the Everett House not yet paid, and a large amount of tickets of Charity Day not returned from eighty-eight Lodges, nine Chapters and one Commandery, your committee would recommend that the Report of Triennial Committee be accepted and the committee be continued.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Sir Wm. H. Mayo. Pennsylvania receives courteous notice.

He gives the following as the result of the Triennial :—

FRATERS: We present this, our tenth report, and have before us proceedings of most of the Grand Commanderies

for the year 1886, that being the only year we shall notice. We hope the delinquent ones will come to hand before this report is finished, as we desire to notice every Grand Jurisdiction; but in many instances the reviews must be short, from the fact that we have not recovered yet from the trials, fatigues, and, worse than all, the financial straits we were put to last year (Triennial Conclave entertainment), and while we now have the time, inclination and material for producing a lengthy report, yet two thousand dollars indebtedness, contracted last year, stares us in the face, and as a matter of course, retrenchment and reform are in order until that indebtedness is cancelled and our Grand Body in funds again.

Eli H. Mix, Moberly, elected Grand Commander; Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Conclave was held at Jackson, February 8, 1887.

R. E. Sir B. A. Vaughn, Grand Commander, presiding. In his address he states that the condition of the Order in his jurisdiction is not flourishing, and he indulges in extended reflections as to the cause and remedy. We quote what he says, as being, in a large measure, good for all, whether the body flourishes or not.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The attendance on this floor, and the report of the Grand Recorder, show too plainly that no wholesome growth has blessed our Order during the past year. The painful truth of a steady decline in our ranks stares each of us in the face; our ranks constantly being thinned by natural operations, which take from us, so steadily, the true, brave and noble, we must soon be annihilated, unless by example and precept,

we bring to the Order faithful servants of our Divine Master. Who of the wise among you will bring to us suggestions of relief? Hopes were entertained that, by the system of "visitations" and inspection, life and zeal would be imparted. The obliteration of jurisdiction lines gave promise of fruit not yet realized. What can be the remedy? Would I had the wisdom to direct you to the right path. I would gladly enter upon any hazardous journey, and seek to bring to our ranks those who could feel the mighty force of Truth, could I see the way aright. I have considered, from many standpoints, what I shall recommend you: The Drill, the full Service of the Ritual, social unions of the several Commanderies of a District, the authority of a "summons," and other expedients, but reaching no satisfactory conclusion. The Drill and Service of Ritual have been tried. The Grand Master tried the "summons" for the last Encampment, and with what result? For this Jurisdiction I can only speak. Outside the Council of this Grand Commandery, only two members of the Grand Commandery obeyed. I watched with careful attention to see what action the Grand Encampment would take as to the neglect to answer a "summons," but the only time I heard "summons" mentioned was when some frater wrote how he was unable to obey. Then if the Grand Encampment treats carelessly, or lightly, her issued "summons," can any Subordinate hope to use it effectively?

Is the cause of decay in our own ranks? I think it is. Not that we are untrue to our vow, nor indifferent to the order of the Temple. But I think the evil lies in neglecting the foundation of the Temple. How many of us have been saying, we have been so long in the service, are growing too old to attend Lodge and Chapter Meeting; but never miss a Conclave of the Commandery. Do you reflect where the material is to come from which may come into the Temple, if the Lodge and Chapter are suffered to decay? All our material must pass the "living arch," before they can approach the "arch of steel." I recommend you, my dear fraters, that here lies a probable remedy, and let each of us resolve upon the trial, and demonstrate if it be not the needed remedy. The slender thread wound from the cocoon, how feeble and frail its strength; but into what fabrics of strength and beauty, grow out of such combining of the delicate threads of the cocoon. So would be the strength

and beauty of Templarism here in Mississippi, if each Sir Knight were banded into a woof, of brotherhood, and see to it that the proper material only stood in the N. E. Corner of the Lodge Room, went hence over rough and rugged ways, searching and finding the Lost Word, and is well and duly prepared to pass under the Arch of Steel, to a journey into that dominion where is found the mighty force of *Truth.*

In line with the above, the following action was had:—

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

To the Grand Commandery:—

We, your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, beg leave to report, that we have carefully considered that part of the Grand Commander's address, recommending that Knights Templar take more interest in the Blue Lodge and Chapter, from which sources we derive our membership. We heartily endorse the same, and recommend the Knights Templar throughout this jurisdiction to give it their earnest support.

The report on Correspondence is by E. G. De Lap, who in his usual terse manner, reviews the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Commanderies; Pennsylvania for 1886 being among the number—the Grand Commander's address (Sir Edwin G. Martin) being characterized as an eloquent and elegant paper.

In his review of Michigan, he speaks out as follows:—

The Grand Commander's address is mostly local in its references, although we find several dispensations to his subordinates to parade on "Decoration Day," and on the occasion of the funeral of General Grant, all of which were wrong, both in principle and in fact, and he knew it. The sickly sentimentality that prompts our members to make a display of themselves and their fine clothes on occasions of this kind, and that does not prevent them from taking advantage of the necessities of the widows and orphans of our

dead soldiers and make them work for them for nothing and board themselves, is of very questionable utility to an Order such as ours.

N. S. Walker, Port Gibson, elected Grand Commander; J. L. Power, Jackson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

The Thirty-first Annual Conclave was held in the city of Grand Rapids, Tuesday, May 10, 1887, R. E. Sir Wm. G. Lawrence, Grand Commander, presiding.

Sir Hugh McCurdy, G. G. of the Grand Encampment of the U. S., was formally received as the representative of the Grand Master, and responded to the Grand Commander's speech of welcome in his usual eloquent manner.

The Grand Commander's address was plain, practical and sensible. We find in it the following, and give his own language:—

MASONIC HOME.

I take this opportunity to call your attention to the effort being made by members of the fraternity to establish a "Masonic Home" for our needy Masons, in or near the city of Grand Rapids. A large amount of work has been done, with very flattering results, and I recommend that every encouragement possible be given by this Grand Body, and the Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction, to assist in so noble and glorious an undertaking.

The following, introduced by the Grand Treasurer, we think important, as giving *results* of what may be called fancy or sentimental financiering by some Commanderies:—

MONROE, MICH., May 7, 1887.

Sir William S. Lawrence, R. E. Grand Commander, Kalamazoo, Mich.:—

EMINENT SIR:—Upon the following statement of facts, has Monroe Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, the right to so change their by-laws that annual dues may be collected?

On December 23, 1867, by virtue of a dispensation, and after due preparation, a Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in *Ample Form*, and proceeded to the regular dispatch of business.

On motion of Sir Knight ———, a committee was appointed by the Eminent Commander to draft and present a code of by-laws for government of the Commandery, which consisted of Sir Knights N——, T—— and L——.

After consultation, the committee made their report, and the by-laws set forth on pages three hundred and forty-two and three hundred and fifty-four, inclusive, of the Book of Records, was adopted by the Commandery.

Sir Knight S—— then offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That every person becoming a member of this Commandery shall pay the sum of thirty-five dollars for the degrees, and by paying such amount shall be a life member of the same so long as he conduct himself as a courteous Sir Knight, and without being subject to the payment of dues. This resolution shall not be construed to invalidate any assessment.

ARTICLE 6, CODE OF BY-LAWS.

No person shall receive the Order of Knighthood in this Commandery for a less sum than thirty-five dollars, fifteen of which shall be paid on admission, and a further sum of twenty dollars before he can receive the Order of Knight Templar.

ARTICLE 7 OF BY-LAWS.

There shall be no annual dues, but every member shall be subject to such assessments as the Commandery from time to time shall deem proper.

ARTICLE 9.

No alteration or amendment of these by-laws shall be made, unless the same be proposed in writing, at a regular

conclave, and entered upon the minutes, and lie over until the next regular for action. For its passage it shall require a two-thirds vote of members present.

A resolution to change Article 7 of By-Laws, so that annual dues may hereafter be required, is now pending.

It is argued by Sir Knights, knighted while Commandery was working under dispensation, that the terms upon which they paid the requisite fee (thirty-five dollars) was in the nature of a contract, and cannot be varied from.

Will resolution adopted in 1878 (page forty-eight, Proceedings of that year) apply in this case? Is the changing of our by-laws to conform to said resolution obligatory?

CLARENCE W. SCOTT,
Eminent Commander.

The above was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported (and which was adopted) as follows:—

In the opinion of your Committee, it is competent for Monroe Commandery to amend its by-laws in the manner provided by them, to wit: by a two-thirds vote.

It is not true, in the opinion of your Committee, that the fixing by by-laws in the sum of thirty-five dollars for the Orders, this also to be in lieu of dues, is in the nature of a contract.

The by-laws themselves contemplate that they may be amended by a two-thirds vote. It is not unusual for a Commandery to amend its by-laws increasing dues, and experience has shown that the life of a Commandery often depends upon the exercise of the right of such amendment.

In the opinion of your Committee, Monroe Commandery not only has the power to amend its by-laws in this regard, but it ought to do so in the interest of Templar Masonry.

It is not wise for a Commandery to anticipate its income. There is danger, if it be done, that at some time it will find its money gone, leaving no fixed income for current expenses. It is better to collect the money each year for the uses of the year.

In this connection, your Committee think it proper to call attention to the action of this Grand Body, had in 1878:—

Resolved, That the dues of subordinate Commanderies shall be payable at fixed periods, to be defined by the by-laws; that the same shall not, upon any pretense, or under any circumstances, be commuted or discounted, but shall remain a fixed and reliable source of revenue for the payment of current expenses.

The Grand Captain-General, Sir Edward W. Kelly, having suddenly died at Painesville, Ohio, the Grand Commander of Michigan telegraphed to Ohio to consult the reasonable wishes of the family, and report the necessary expense to him. The Ohio Knights, with commendable promptness, seems to have ignored the family, gave Sir Kelly a rousing funeral and sent a bill for $332.97 to Michigan Grand Commandery to pay. The whole matter was referred to a committee, who review the matter and sensibly report the bill should be paid, but conclude their report as follows, and they are right:—

But this Commandery, in presuming to make this expense, and in presenting this bill to the Grand Commander, in the opinion of your Committee, disregarded both the letter and spirit of the Grand Commander's telegram, and he would have been justified in refusing to pay it in full.

But, having paid it, your Committee recommend that a warrant for the amount be drawn in his favor, this Grand Body, at the same time, protesting that much of the bill was incurred without authority, and in violation of the confidence reposed in Eagle Commandery by our Grand Commander.

The report on Correspondence is again by Sir Wm. P. Innes, who notices thirty-one Grand Commanderies, Pennsylvania, for 1886, being among the number.

Sir Thomas H. Williams elected Grand Commander; Sir Wm. P. Innes re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

Fifteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Beatrice, April 18, 1887.

The opening address is very chaste and sensible. We give an excerpt, to show how he tried to impress his auditors :—

In calling you together for the deliberations of this, our Fifteenth Annual Conclave, and for the legislation that may be necessary to best promote the interests of our beloved Order, I am again reminded that our annual reunions occur in the most auspicious season of the year. Every living thing in nature, so long dormant and apparently dead beneath the icy touch of Winter, has awakened to a new life; has thrown off the fetters of oblivion, and with its awakening beauty is to-day reminding us of the glories of the Resurrection. The religious anniversaries with which this season of the year is crowded, reminds us of the principal tenets of our faith, and point us anew to the Risen Redeemer, whose followers we profess to be. Easter, Good Friday and Ascension are occasions that no Knight Templar should neglect, that his strength may be renewed and his faith awakened. After the sleep of death will come the morning of the resurrection. Let us see to it that we have our part therein.

The duties of my office for the past year have been neither difficult nor laborious. Peace has prevailed within our borders, and no cause for discord has arisen elsewhere. I have had but few questions submitted to me for decision, and but one that caused any hesitation.

The business of the session was transacted speedily and harmoniously.

No report on Correspondence.

Edgar S. Dudley elected Grand Commander; William R. Bowen re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

Seventy-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Utica, October 11, 1887.

The following from the Grand Commander's address shows at once how earnest he is, and at the same time shows the condition of the Order in that Jurisdiction :—

I congratulate you, Sir Knights, upon the prosperous condition of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. All is peace and harmony, and although an occasional ripple has disturbed the placid surface, it has quickly subsided, and has only served to give us additional proof that our natures are human, not divine. We meet to review the transactions and events of the year now closing; to legislate for the good of the Order in the future; to congratulate each other on our continued prosperity; to animate and encourage those who may have sustained reverses in life's journey; to grasp each other's hands in knightly and fraternal greeting; to renew old friendships and to form new ones; to speak to each other in low, sad voices of our loved ones, who, since our last annual conclave, have departed for that mysterious shore, in answer to the summons of the Destroying Angel, who has been busy in our ranks, taking some of our best beloved from us. In the earnest hope that all our deliberations may be conducted in a spirit of harmony, that the happiest knightly and fraternal feeling may prevail, and that, during our sojourn in this beautiful city, each Sir Knight will maintain that courteous and dignified deportment which should ever characterize a Soldier of the Cross, I will now proceed to render an account of my stewardship.

The Grand Recorder, Sir Robert Macoy, annually contributes a paper upon some interesting topic of interest to our Order, and this time offers, among other things, the following commentary upon titles, which we think worth observing :—

I am encouraged to continue the series of Templar notes, inaugurated in my official report two years since, by the fact that many eminent fraters, in their Correspondence Committees and elsewhere, have done me the honor to copy, very fully, my observations. This is equally gratifying to my self-respect and an encouragement to continue so long as there may be opportunity, and topics of sufficient interest can be found. While there seems to be but little wanting in the way of history and comment in the reports on Foreign Correspondence, composed, as they are, by the best talent and

experience of the Templar Orders, yet, in the work of a Grand Recorder, subjects are suggested connected with his line of duties that other Templars are not likely to consider or investigate. And while I may not, at the present, find any topics of the character worthy of record, yet I will avail myself of the opportunity to make a few suggestions that will at least display a willing mind, and probably lead to an intelligent and interesting discussion. Under this view some practical observations are in order concerning the use of "Titles of Honor" in the Orders of Knighthood. It may be observed that the fraters in Canada and several of the Grand Commanderies of the United States employ the entire prefix to the title *preceding the name of the person addressed*, as Right Eminent Sir John Smith, Grand Commander; Very Eminent Sir James Brown, Deputy Grand Commander; and in the subordinate bodies, Eminent William Green, Commander, and so on through the whole list. This appears to me to be erroneous. The title (honorary) is a prefix of the office, and not of the office-bearer, and I should prefer to see the titles arranged thus: Sir John Smith, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Sir James Brown, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Sir William Green, Eminent Commander, as is the custom in many of the Jurisdictions of the United States. When the office is not named, the *former* method seems proper, as Right Eminent John Smith, or Sir John, etc., but with the mention of the office, the *latter* had better be used. This is the practice, as may be seen in parts of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and is carefully so set forth in its Constitution. In establishing a uniform system of honorary titles we cannot do better than to imitate the practice and obey the Constitution of that body. The advocates for a general head to the Templar Orders in this country argue the importance of uniformity in Rituals, Rank, Tactics, etc., and surely, for the honor and dignity of the institution, the question of Titles is equally important.

It is the pleasure of some to deprecate the use of Masonic titles altogether, and, in general, foreign writers make sport of the earnestness with which Americans adopt titles of honor, notwithstanding our decided regard for republican simplicity. This appears inconsistent with the eagerness manifested in all monarchical countries to titular distinctions. Human

nature is the same under all forms of government, and I confess that I admire the spirit of a Templar who, feeling himself *worthy* of a distinguished title, strives by honest means to acquire it, and then prudently wears the merited decoration. Such is the case, I believe, with our leading Templars at the present day.

The report on Correspondence is by the veteran Sir Jno. W. Simons, and we quote from his introduction:—

In presenting this, the Thirty-fifth Annual Report on Correspondence, the Committee take occasion to say that those who do the writer the honor to read it, will find that, whatever its faults, it has the one merit of condensation—an art in itself—and that, on the whole, there is a fair picture, on a reduced scale, of the general condition of the Order throughout the vast domain of the Grand Encampment.

We have heard, incidentally, of the formation of another new Grand Commandery somewhere in the West, but as we have no official notice, our salutation will have to be deferred.

The Lord reigns, and under the Divine guidance, Peace sits enthroned in our midst, and Prosperity is her handmaiden, while a generous rivalry pervades the ranks of our Christian chivalry. So may it continue.

No disturbing questions of law or practice are presented, and hence the picture we draw in the subjoined pages is like that we see from our study window in the beautiful valley where we live and hope to die; the peaceful fields, the autumn glory of the trees, and the meridian splendor of the day-god illumining the whole, is like a foretaste of the glories that await, in the hereafter, the true and courteous Knight.

Pennsylvania is not among the number noticed.

Theodore E. Haslehurst, Troy, elected Grand Commander; Robert Macoy, Brooklyn, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Portland, July 6, 1887.

The Grand Commander's address was very brief, but was also very sensible. We quote on the condition of the order in Oregon :—

I am pleased to inform you that while our numbers are comparatively few, still the Order is in a flourishing condition, all the Commanderies reporting work on hand.

While it is desirable to have our membership increase (where good material is obtainable), yet I doubt the advisability of forming new Commanderies where there are not sufficient members to maintain an organization, and at all times have a thorough and efficient working corps.

He makes the following recommendations :—

I would recommend that, thus early in our history, some steps be taken to have a uniform regalia adopted.

Also, that a Ritual and Tactics be adopted.

And, that we may become better identified with the fraternity at large, I would further recommend that we adopt the system of foreign representation.

With these few suggestions for your consideration, and assuring you that the honor so recently bestowed in selecting me as the first Grand Commander of this jurisdiction, is not only highly appreciated, but will ever remain as the most pleasant memory of my connection with the Order.

No report on Correspondence.

James Fullerton Robinson re-elected Grand Commander; Frelon J. Babcock re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The Forty-fifth Conclave was held in the House of Representatives, in the city of Columbus, October 11, 1887. R. E. Sir La Fayette Lyttle, Grand Commander, presiding.

In his address he speaks, with deep feeling, of the troubles his jurisdiction was subjected to during his year of office, and we naturally and sincerely sympathize with him in his efforts to restore harmony and at the same time deal justice to those whom in his *judgment* had infracted the laws of his Body.

Our own opinion is that the brunt of the battle was commenced, and indeed carried on, by the wrong end of the army, by the rear instead of the front. We propose to report fully the history of the case from their own standpoint, and trust our fraters will read their proceedings carefully. We know of no lesson which will be so instructive to the ambitious Templar, who may aspire to roam in fields of superlative Masonry, as the one given us by this history. It is so easy to glide into error in searching after what does not exist, and so hard for us to confess our error, even after we have discovered it, particularly if we are forced, by circumstances or the enforcement of law, to apparently take a back track, that it requires in cases of this kind talent of a very high order to restore good feeling, though you may apparently restore discipline, that we may honestly sympathize with our Ohio fraters in their last year's labor.

We think the Grand Lodge should have dealt with the subject, if in their judgment it was wise to do so; and it would seem its province from the fact that the subject is treated as Masonry. The words "bogus Masonry," "spurious Masonry," overrun the arraignment and the argument. It would, therefore, if such was or is the fact, be better to commence at the root, instead of away up in the branches, to eradicate it.

We introduce the Grand Commander, by quoting his introduction, as being most appropriate.

SIR KNIGHTS:—It is with feelings of greatest reverence that we acknowledge our gratitude to that kind Providence who has permitted so many of us, and under such favorable auspices, to assemble again in annual Conclave; and while

the past eventful year in the history of Templar Masonry, in this Grand Jurisdiction, has been interspersed with sunshine and clouds, we are truly thankful that we can report the general prosperity of our beloved Order, and that, with the exception of a few localities, peace, harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the entire jurisdiction.

In this city, where treason and rebellion in our ranks first raised its hydra head, and where "bogus Masonry" first secured a location in our State, and like the "devil fish" of the sea, reached out its sinuous suckers in every direction to draw sustenance and life from the inexperienced and unwary; where but two short years ago the Commandery, torn with dissensions and struggling to free itself from the disgrace brought upon it by the treason of its own members, its very life trembling in the balance, it affords me the greatest pleasure to report that, during the past year, Templar Masonry has prospered beyond precedent, Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1, having conferred the Orders of Knighthood, within the Templar year, on forty-two candidates, all reported to me as being good men and true, and "with peace within her walls and prosperity within her palaces," a result which must not only be gratifying to the members of that organization, but extremely so to all the loyal members of our Order.

The following will show what petty things may be done to prop up a petty case:—

It is not pleasant to be obliged to report that one has been even the intended victim of a confidence game, and more especially so when the conspirators themselves occupy high rank in a Christian Order, whose chief characteristics are unsullied honor and unwearied zeal in a brother's cause; one of them being at the time no less than the Grand Commander of a sister jurisdiction, and the other the Eminent Commander of one of the oldest Commanderies in our own, whose reputation in the past has been second to none.

Regard for the many courteous Knights whose friendship I highly prize, and my own inclinations, would prompt me to omit any allusion to this unpleasant episode; and yet, as other than personal questions are involved, I feel it my duty to place the facts before you.

R. E. Sir John S. Lyle, of Covington, Ky., is the only Sir Knight to whom I refer outside of this Grand Jurisdiction, and I can only account for his acts by the demoralizing effects, generally, that are produced by running after strange gods, be it in strange Masonry, strange women, or strange anything else.

March 9, 1887, I received from him the following communication:—

GRAND COMMANDERY, KENTUCKY,
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
COVINGTON, March 8, 1887.

Sir La Fayette Lyttle, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio:—

DISTINGUISHED FRATER:—I would courteously beg to refer you to Section 13 of Article 1 of your Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, and crave the great favor that you will give me your *interpretation* of the *last clause* thereof. For example, would you consider that a Commandery in your jurisdiction would be legally justified in excluding from visitation a Knight Templar, in good standing, from, say, the jurisdiction of Kentucky, by reason of his being a member of the *Cerneau Scottish Rite?* There seems to prevail a diversity of opinion as to the *application* of this statute to Knights Templars from other jurisdictions, and I trust you will appreciate my solicitude to be authoritatively advised upon this subject. I am, Right Eminent Sir, with great respect, Yours fraternally,

JOHN S. LYLE,
Grand Commander.

On the same day I mailed reply as follows:—

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER,
TOLEDO, OHIO, March 9, 1887.

Sir John S. Lyle, R. E. Grand Commander, Knights Templars of Kentucky, Covington, Ky.:—

RIGHT EMINENT AND DEAR FRATER:—Your courteous favor of the 8th inst. is at hand. In reply would say that the

visitation by Knights Templars, whether from our own or from other jurisdictions, is *entirely* a matter of courtesy.

Article 45 of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment specifically declares that *no visiting* Knight can be admitted to an Asylum if one only of the regular members present objects, and that the objector can not be required to disclose his reasons for such objection.

The above, I think, fully answers your question. I trust, however, that the courteous Sir Knights of Kentucky will ever be welcomed in any Commandery of Ohio, and that the pleasant and warm fraternal relations that exist between our sister jurisdictions may ever continue. With my kindest wishes, I am

Courteously and fraternally yours,

LA FAYETTE LYTTLE,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Lyle claimed in his circular appeal that this was in no sense an answer to his question, and in private conversation complained bitterly of the discourteous treatment he had received in the evasion of a direct answer; and yet it seems to me so plain that none can misunderstand, that the withholding or refusing to grant a courtesy needs no *legal justification.*

The inference he draws, that membership in illegitimate Masonic organizations, of Sir Knights from other jurisdictions would be no bar to their visitation in this, from the courteous sentiments I expressed toward the Sir Knights of Kentucky, is certainly incorrect.

March 10, 1887, the next day after my answer to Sir Lyle had been mailed, I received the following from E. Sir Henry L. Stanton, Eminent Commander of Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3 :—

ASYLUM CINCINNATI COMMANDERY, NO. 3,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
CINCINNATI, OHIO, March 9, 1887.

Sir La Fayette Lyttle, R. E. Grand Commander, Knights Templars of Ohio :—

R. E. AND DEAR SIR.—I desire to submit to you for official decision the following question : Can the R. E. Grand

Commander of Kentucky, who acknowledges that he is a member of the Peckham Scottish Rite, and who has been in the habit of visiting Cincinnati Commandery as its guest, be permitted to continue those visits, or will it become my duty as Eminent Commander to decline to permit him to sit in Cincinnati Commandery as a visitor and guest, in accordance with Section 13 of Article 1 of the By-Laws of the Grand Commandery and the Carson Resolution?

Trusting you will favor me with a reply before our stated communication on the 14th inst., I remain,

Very courteously and fraternally yours,

H. L. STANTON,

E. Commander Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3, K. T.

The decision returned was as follows:—

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER,
TOLEDO, OHIO, March 10, 1887.

Sir H. L. Stanton, E. Commander Cincinnati Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templars, Cincinnati, Ohio:—

E. AND DEAR FRATER:—Your courteous favor of the 9th inst. is at hand. The *only Scottish Rite* degrees conferred in the United States, that are *acknowledged and recognized as regular* by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Ohio, are those conferred by and under the authority of the Supreme Grand Councils of the Sovereign Inspectors General of the 33° for the Northern and Southern Masonic jurisdictions of the United States, and at present presided over respectively by Brothers Henry L. Palmer and Albert Pike.

Scottish Rite degrees conferred in this country by or under *any other* authority *must*, therefore, be deemed *irregular degrees under the assumed name of Masonry*, and no Council or Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction is permitted, under Section 13 of Article 1 of our Statutes and Regulations, to receive into their respective bodies *any visitor* who is in any manner, or in any wise, concerned in or with such clandestine degrees.

The duty of a presiding officer in such cases cannot be mistaken. All visitations, except by those who are entitled

to demand official recognition, are merely matters of courtesy.

Article 45 of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, prescribes that "No visiting Knight can be admitted to an asylum if one only of the regular members present objects, and he cannot be required to disclose the reasons for such objection."

With knightly regards and best wishes for the prosperity of your Commandery, I am

Courteously and fraternally yours

LA FAYETTE LYTTLE,
Grand Commander.

These letters, asking for official decisions on the same subject, and only one day apart, together with subsequent events, seem to me to show conclusively, collusion and a conspiracy to get some one into trouble, and it was not supposed to be either of those who asked the questions.

E. Sir Stanton was especially desirous to have his reply before the next stated Conclave of his Commandery, which was to be held a few days later, undoubtedly for the purpose of being used as the prologue of a prearranged spectacular drama, which was to be heralded broadcast, and bring fame, if nothing else, to the star actors of the occasion.

The arrangement was evidently carried out according to programme.

The Commandery was duly opened at the appointed time; the Right Eminent applied for admission; was admitted to the asylum in plain violation of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Ohio; dramatically asked if something was true which was previously known to be a fact, probably for months, by nearly all present; information was imparted which was equally as well known; profuse apologies were made for being obliged to obey the law and perform a duty; and the decision was ordered read, after which thanks were returned for previous courtesies: a copy of the proceedings of the Commandery was requested for an appeal, which was at once granted; another Damon and Pythias scene was enacted, and the distinguished visitor withdrew, the entire proceedings, from the time of Sir Lyle's entrance to his withdrawal, being, of course, illegal and without excuse.

When these facts were brought to my attention, it was probably my duty to have suspended E. Sir Stanton from

office, for it is no trivial offence for an Eminent Commander to conspire with another in the interests of illegitimate Masonry to make trouble in his own jurisdiction, and to attempt to bring the Orders of Templar Masonry into disrepute, the general good of which he has promised to promote.

That I did not was in the interest of peace, and a reluctance to exercise power which might be deemed arbitrary, and hoping also that there might be no just cause in the future for any further criticism or complaint.

From subsequent events I was reluctantly constrained to believe that the clemency of the Grand Commander in this case was misinterpreted, and that Sir Stanton either desired to pose as a martyr or else regarded himself as a privileged character.

June 13th, at a stated Conclave of Cincinnati Commandery, a preamble and resolutions, extremely offensive and scurrilous in their character, respecting an officer of this Grand Body not a member of that Commandery, were offered while the Grand Officer to whom they referred was present, and were ruled as being in order by E. Sir Stanton, apparently for the very purpose of showing disrespect, and placing an indignity on the officer to whom they referred.

I have since been informed by an Eminent Sir Knight, who was present and heard it, that Sir Stanton boastingly related occurrences which took place in the asylum of Cincinnati Commandery on that evening in the presence of those who were not members of our Order, emphasizing this with language wholly unbecoming in a Knight Templar, to say nothing of the distinguished office he held; a sad commentary, indeed, on the professions we make and the duties we inculcate.

The report on Correspondence is by a committee headed by Sir E. T. Carson, and is of great ability. They review the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Commanderies, two of them for two years, Pennsylvania for 1886 being among the number.

They have not abridged their comments in any manner because of their large and frequent explanations of their late

trouble; and indeed their whole report is very interesting, but we think the question—"the Ohio question," as it is often called—is of more importance than any other, so we shall quote a fair sample of their views and give their arguments. Probably that under the review of Kentucky will furnish the best:—

"It appears that the Grand Commander of Kentucky made an arrangement with the Eminent Commander of Cincinnati Commandery that the former was to present himself as a visitor, and the latter was to refuse him the right of visitation. This to give the Grand Commander of Kentucky an opportunity to draw up an appeal to the Grand Master of Knights Templars, alleging that the law of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, against Templars dealing in "irregular, illegal and unmasonic" Masonry, is contrary to the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, and asking the Grand Master to give him a decision on his "appeal," the appeal concluding as follows:—

* * * I assume that the questions involved are of such grave character that it would redound to the interest of the Order at large, if enabled to receive your decision thereon, to present, with my report, to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky at its next Annual Conclave, to be held on the 18th of May next.

E. Sir Carson says:—"This brilliant little scheme, concocted between the Grand Commander of Kentucky and the Commander of Cincinnati Commandery, was working nicely, as doubtless they thought.

The best-laid schemes o' men and mice
Gang aft a-gley.

So in this case. The letter to the Grand Commander of Ohio didn't catch anybody; the letter of appeal to the Grand Master didn't catch anybody. Those distinguished Templar dignitaries doubtless "smelt a mice," or, to drop the metaphor, they recognized that there was a set-up job being played upon them. And Grand Commander Lyle didn't get a "decision in time to present with his report to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky."

What the Grand Commandery of Kentucky did with Sir Lyle's appeal does not appear in the proceedings, except that

at page 22 seven stars appear in his printed address, which we interpreted thus :—

Read the answer in the stars.

Which we have done, and the stars tell us that ten pages of the Grand Commander's Address, as originally printed and circulated, were suppressed, either by the Grand Commander, the Grand Commandery, or by the Grand Secretary when he came to print. The stars fail to tell us who is responsible for this *suppressio veri.*

Again we quote from E. Sir Carson. "We make a few extracts from those suppressed pages, with some remarks thereon :—

The Constitution of the Grand Encampment provides, as one of the duties of the Grand Master, "That he shall see that the work and discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform throughout the Grand Encampment."

Sir Carson says :—"It is unmasonic conduct, under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for a Mason to be engaged in the retailing of intoxicating drinks, and Lodges are prohibited from initiating persons engaged in this business.

In some States to be engaged in the business is not unmasonic conduct. Of course this law prevails in the Commandery. According to Sir Lyle it is unconstitutional.

In Ohio it is unmasonic conduct for a Mason to be engaged in any way with a lottery, or any game of chance or prize scheme. Of course this goes to the Commandery. In some States being engaged in this way is not unmasonic conduct. Especially do the States of Louisiana and Kentucky occur to our mind just now. According to Sir Lyle's argument, the Ohio law is contrary to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and is, therefore, void.

Well, try it on in Ohio, and, we may add, try it on in several other States, and see how it will work to make the law uniform as to liquor dealers and lotteries. Yes, and we may add, try it on to make Ohio's Masons acknowledge or tolerate bogus Masonry among them, simply because some other State tolerates it, claiming, that under the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the rules must be uniform. We know it won't work in Ohio.

Again he quotes :—"There are, I believe, over three score of Knights Templars owing obedience to this Grand Commandery, who are, like myself, affiliated with this Cerneau

organization, who are to-day *ostracised* by this statute of the Grand Commandery of Ohio."

Carson says:—"To ostracise, according to Webster, is "banishment, expulsion, separation." Now, inasmuch as the Ohio Grand Commandery law was enacted many years before Sir Lyle was a Templar, it occurs to us that the Knight himself, and he alone, is responsible for his "*ostracism.*"

Again a quotation:—"May not every right-minded Templar justly inquire why such a law was ever enacted? And is it not still more incomprehensible that this statute, having so long lain dormant, should, at this late period of the world's advancement in freedom of thought, be exhumed, the molds and cobwebs brushed therefrom, revamped and erected as a monument of unblushing effrontery, of intolerance and oppression, which has bred, and will continue to breed, revolution, as it were, sowing dragon's teeth to reap armed men, "and, in its effects, destructive of that peace and harmony that should prevail among brethren."

Carson says:—"We will answer in a few words the foregoing fallacious stuff. The law was passed to prevent Ohio from becoming a field for the operation of unprincipled fellows in peddling trumpery stuff under the name of Masonry, or, to use a figure that will be well understood by the rural Templars of Ohio and Kentucky, to prevent "Bohemian oats swindling" in Masonry. The "right-minded Templars" and Master Masons of Ohio understand why the law was passed, and their votes in the Grand Commandery and in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, year after year, ought to be notice enough to all that Ohio is not the field for the *healthy* carrying on of irregular Masonry.

"Why did the law lay dormant so long?" etc. For the same reason that in one county in Ohio the law against murder lay dormant for more than fifty years, simply because no murder had been committed in the county during that long period. In 1884 a man murdered a peddler for his money and small stock of goods. Then the authorities having the law in charge exhumed the law against murder, and "brushed the mold and cobwebs" from it, and with "unblushing effrontery, intolerance and oppression," indicted the murderer, tried, convicted and hung him, and the county remains on the map of Ohio.

So in regard to the law of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. It first appeared upon the statutes of the Grand Commandery in 1844, one year after organization. It was amended in 1868 to suit the changed condition of Scottish Rite Masonry in the United States at that date. It is true that from 1844 down to 1883, a period of thirty-nine years from its first enactment and fifteen years from its adoption in its present shape, the law lay "dormant." Why? Because no Templar had yet appeared base enough to violate it. In 1883, two Templars of Ohio, being in the city of New York, the hot-bed of all kinds of bogus Masonry, were, after a hot contest between the Hopkins Thompson, Folger, Barker Supreme Council of the 33° for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, and the Harry Seymour Peckham Supreme Council of the 33° for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, captured by the latter body—the "irregular, illegal, unmasonic" body with which Sir Lyle says he is affiliated. At the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio in that year (1883), the since famous resolution, defining in as plain words as possible just what "Supreme Councils" were meant in Section 13, Article I of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery, was adopted. It was evidently not intended by the Grand Commandery to prosecute the two Templars—the only ones in Ohio who had violated the law up to that time—as it was charitably concluded that they had possibly violated the law without knowledge. The resolution, however, was unanimously adopted, and was an unmistakable notice and warning to the Templars of Ohio that violation of this statute of the Grand Commandery would subject the guilty party to the last and highest penalty known in the Order—expulsion.

Right in the face of the statute referred to and the resolution of warning, defining the scope and meaning of the said Section 13, Article I, some twenty Knights Templars did organize "irregular, illegal and unmasonic" bodies in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on the 27th day of August, 1884. These bodies were constituted by emissaries from the city of New York, pretending to act under authority of a body styling itself the Supreme Council of the 33° for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies; one Hopkins Thompson being at the time its so-called M. P. Grand Commander.

Four of the parties who were at the head of this illegal body in New York, viz.: Robert E. Roberts, Robert B. Folger, Andrew J. Fischer and Gilbert M. Platt, were expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry by the Grand Lodge of New York on September 27, 1854, for having organized clandestine symbolic Lodges, and a clandestine Grand Lodge in New York, in opposition to the regular Grand Lodge of that State. And the Mr. Folger who came to Columbus to organize these irregular bodies in Ohio was the Master of one of the clandestine symbolic Lodges organized in the city of New York.

This invasion of the heretofore pure Masonic soil of the State of Ohio by these "irregular, illegal and unmasonic" bodies, and these *Masonic Anarchists* from New York, created a decided sensation in Masonry in Ohio. Then it was that the law of the Grand Commandery, which had so long lain *dormant*, was invoked, and the "mold and cobwebs brushed therefrom." Suffice it to say that the Templars connected with this Masonic Anarchism were given an opportunity to withdraw from the "irregular, illegal and unmasonic" organization; declining to do so, fourteen of them, members of one Commandery (Mount Vernon), were tried and expelled for violating the laws of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Carson says further:—

We quote the following passage, giving one account of this affair, from a pamphlet published by these irregular Scottish Rite Masons themselves:—

"The accused were refused separate trials, for fear they might vote to acquit their fellows. The accused were not allowed to cross-examine the northern jurisdiction witnesses. The evidence given was a farce, and was of such a nature as would have been thrown out of the civil courts as ridiculous and unworthy of the least consideration." In short, the fourteen Templars were tried in a batch by some fifty odd northern jurisdiction monarchists, who composed the prosecution, judge and the jury who rendered the verdict.

The Chicago Anarchists used almost identical arguments with the foregoing; and if we substitute "capitalists" for northern jurisdiction monarchists, their pleas are the same. Well, the political Anarchists were convicted and executed, so were the Masonic Anarchists, and so mote it be.

An Anarchist is the assassin of property, and the coward of criminals. Justice should be relentless in his pursuit, and remorseless in his punishment.

The Masonic Anarchist is the assassin of the Order, and the coward of violators of Masonic law and usage. Masonic justice should be relentless in his pursuit, and remorseless in his punishment.

We trust that the foregoing will be accepted as a fair answer to Sir Lyle's query as to "why such a law was enacted," and why it remained so long dormant.

Sir Lyle says, "Are the Templars of Kentucky Masonic *slaves* or Masonic freemen?"

We would most unhesitatingly answer that the Templars of Kentucky are freemen, always, however, subordinate to law.

St. Peter has a better answer: "As *free*, and *not* using *your liberty for* a cloak of *maliciousness*, but as the servants of God." *

And St. John says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." †

And St. Paul says, "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the *doers of the law shall be justified.*"‡

"Deeply impressed with the importance of these questions (this is on the eighth page of his appeal), I submit them to you, and urge you to bestow upon them your considerate attention."

There certainly was a hitch somewhere, for we fail to find any notice in the proceedings "of these questions."

Sir Carson quotes from Grand Commander Lyle's report further:—Sir Knights, we have fallen upon evil times, our Templar liberties are endangered, and I would be recreant to my high duty did I not, from this high station, sound the alarm, and officially ask you to consider and finally decide, as Masonic statesmen, whose souls revolt against oppression, who scorn and contemn all entangling alliances (he had just admitted that he was affiliated with the Supreme Council of the 33° [Cerneau] for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies) [rather an entangling name], and who protest against unconstitutional acts of other Grand Commanderies, which strike at our inherent rights to determine

* I Peter, chapter 2, verse 16.
† St. John, chapter 8, verse 32.
‡ Romans, chapter 2, verse 13.

the good standing of those of our obedience. That I, as your Grand Commander, should be refused admission as your representative to a Commandery holding under the Grand Commandery of Ohio, because I saw fit to affiliate with a rite entirely unconnected with Templary—a rite whose men, history, and title my individual judgment approves—is an insult to the body over which I have been called to preside.

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"As citizens of the Commonwealth, you would justly resent any and all attempts on the part of other States to control vested rights which have been confirmed to you by the nation. As Templars, can you do less, when your birthright is imperiled?

On which Carson comments:—

After such a screed as this, we would naturally suppose that "Old Kentuck" would have sprung to arms, as she would if she had felt that she had been insulted, even in the slightest degree; but inasmuch as we fail to find any notice of this part of the Grand Commander's address in the proceedings, we must conclude that the Grand Commandery didn't think that the Templars of Kentucky had been insulted, or that "Templar liberties were endangered." Further, it is not unreasonable to infer, from the silence of the Grand Body to respond to the alleged insult and Cassandraic warning of the Grand Commander, that it felt that if the Grand Commander of Kentucky officially invaded the State of Ohio, and through his own mischievous meddling found himself locked up in the police station on Ninth street, or entangled in the meshes of the law of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, it was no business of the Grand Commandery of the Commonwealth of Old Kentucky.

When we know, as we do, all the facts connected with this crazy scheme to involve the Grand Commanderies of Kentucky and Ohio, and the Grand Encampment of the United States, in fraternal controversy and strife, and when we contemplate the ignominious collapse the great scheme had, we are reminded of the following well-known nursery lines. They most aptly illustrate Sir Lyle's chivalric achievement:—

The King of France he marched up the hill,
The King of France he marched down again.

In continuation of his review of Kentucky, Sir Carson says:—"Sir Knight Edward A. Guilbert, of Iowa, was a visitor, and was received with honors. He made a speech which is printed in the proceedings, from which we make the following extract:—

"There is your faithful and capable Grand Commander, whom I met to-day for the first time, but with whom, through the mails, I have long held profitable and pleasant conversation. I rejoice that I find him to be none the worse for his recent tilt with the Ohio porcupinish idea. Here let me say: As I recall that unfortunate episode, and ponder its fateful teachings, I can but wonder if they who there bear rule have not in their fondness for new tests varied the ritual to suit their purposes. For example: It would seem that when the grade that Lyle has so aptly styled the "side-board degree" is yonder put upon the boards, and the faithful are gathered together in the banquet hall, that then they *now* elect to conclude the canonical debate as to which is the stronger with the slogan.* But above all, the Ohio idea bears the victory. Well,

They played it on Lyle
In a way I despise!

Yet the uncanny blow was not aimed at him alone. It struck down time-honored freedom of thought, and freedom of action as well. Let us hope that soon consideration will like an angel come, and show yonder fraters how perilous, how extra-Masonic it is, for Grand Bodies of the American system of Masonry to permit another rite to fight its battles on their platform."

Sir Carson further comments on Sir Guilbert:—

Spoken like a true Cerneau Mason, he indulges in the old stereotyped phrases so common in Cerneau literature. Evidently Sir Guilbert had read Sir Lyle's address, hence his bowels became so distended with sympathy or carbureted hydrogen for Sir Lyle in "his recent tilt" with the "porcupinish idea." If it were not for this speech of the Knight from Iowa we would not have known from the printed proceedings themselves that there had been a tilt, or that an "uncanny blow" had been given, and time-honored freedom of thought, etc., struck down. Undoubtedly it was a humiliating mortification and disappointment to the valiant Knight

* Cry, Trojans, cry! lend me ten thousand eyes,
And I will fill them with prophetic tears.—*Troilus and Cressida.*

from Iowa when, after the pitiful story as told by the Grand Commander of the insult that had been set upon him, and which he had vicariously borne for the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, and after this "pitiful story" had been heightened and enlarged upon by the eloquence of the Iowa Knight in a pretty little speech in the Grand Commandery, and many little speeches in the corridors and rooms of the hotels, to have the Grand Commandery sit down upon the pretty little plot, which the Knight had traveled so many leagues to aid with his presence and eloquence. It is too bad that the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, composed of Knights renowned for their delicate sense of Knightly honor, should fail to recognize that it had been insulted when its Grand Commander got kicked when he officially thrust his body into a Commandery in another jurisdiction for the *express purpose of being kicked*, that he might pose as a martyr in the cause of Templar freedom. Yet such was the bitter fact which the Iowa Knight had the mortification of witnessing.

Moral: Never go abroad and officiously mix in a broil.

From the conclusion of Carson's review of Kentucky we clip the following:—

Some of our contemporaries—only a few, however, we are happy to say—seem to think that Ohio has given too much attention to the subject of clandestine Masonry. They say, Let it alone and it will die of itself. We cannot agree to this. We will admit that it is useless to argue with the leaders and principal operators in bogus Masonry; they make it pay, and of course arguments and facts are thrown away upon them. Not so, however, with their victims. It is a fact that sometimes good, honest, well-meaning Masons are decoyed into these clandestine Masonic organizations through the misrepresentations of the mendacious Masonic degree peddlers. It is only honest, truth-seeking Masons that we can hope to reach and save or reclaim. We deem it a sacred Masonic duty to warn such against irregular Masonry of whatever kind or name. We claim to have a pretty thorough knowledge of the history of irregular, bogus or clandestine Masonry in the United States.

A Masonic schismatic reminds us of some kind of boys, such as all of us have known in our boyhood days, when they couldn't have their own churlish, selfish, insolent way in the

game, they took the sulks and wouldn't play. Didn't we all dislike such scurvy boys?

What is popularly known as Cerneau Scottish Rite Masonry, whether of the Thomson-Folger or the Peckham brand, has a most unsavory record. For instance, the Thomson-Folger-Barker combination didn't meet at all, as they say themselves, for fifteen years. During all those years there was peace and harmony in Scottish Rite Masonry; and as no one has ever specifically charged that the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern or Southern jurisdictions were disturbing the peace and harmony of the Lodges, Chapters or Commanderies since the introduction of Scottish Rite Masonry in this country, say in 1767 (at Albany, N. Y.), down to the present day, no one can truthfully say that the Northern or Southern Scottish Rite Masons were ever identified with, or concerned directly or indirectly with, any kind of irregular Masonry. How stands the record of the so-called Cerneau branches? They have been the schismatics, the Masonic Anarchists of the United States.

They formed clandestine Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies and Grand Lodges in the States of New York and Louisiana. Their Grand Commander, Henry C. Atwood, was an expelled symbolic Freemason and died an expelled Mason. Three of the principal men engaged in the sham revival of the Hopkins-Thompson-Folger-Barker combination in 1881 organized a clandestine Grand Lodge of Master Masons in New York in 1853, and organized clandestine Master Mason Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies of Knights Templars, for which they were expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York in 1854. One of these men, Mr. Robert Folger, is now the corresponding secretary of the bogus Thompson-Barker-Folger-Haigh-Cerneau Supreme Council. He it was who drew up the platform of the Masonic Anarchists of that day, and he was the Master of the first clandestine Lodge of Master Masons created by that clandestine Grand Lodge.

Louisiana was alive in those days with Masonic Anarchists. They were in fraternal communion with the Atwood-Folger Masonic Anarchists of New York, and when the chief of the Louisiana clandestines, Mr. Foulhouzie, visited New York, he was received and fêted by his brother Masonic Anarchists of that city with the highest honors. Foulhouzie was then in

Masonry what the notorious Herr Most is now in the political world, and if Masonry had been possessed of the same powers to punish clandestine Masonry that the State of New York has to punish "Anarchism," several of the Masonic Anarchists of that day would, like Herr Most has done and will do again, have served their terms in prison.

In 1884, clandestine Scottish Rite Masonry was introduced into Ohio by this same man, Robert Folger. According to his own statement, he had "long before withdrawn his connection with the *high degrees*."* The Ohio founders of the clandestine organization had all been expelled from the regular Scottish Rite.

The Harry Seymour-Peckham combination was founded by Seymour, who was at that time an expelled Scottish Rite Mason. He sold his stock in the degree business to one Peckham for quite a large sum of money. Both these clandestine organizations freely fraternize with, and receive to membership, and no questions asked, expelled members of the Northern or Southern jurisdictions. These bodies both openly proclaim rebellion against the Grand Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies that dare to legislate against them. They sympathize with Masonic Anarchy in whatever shape it presents itself, and not an instance has come to our knowledge where there has been any real trouble in any Grand Masonic body that a Cerneau Mason or Cerneau Masonry has not been at the bottom of it. When we heard of the Anarchical trouble in Hiram Lodge, Connecticut, and that Hiram Lodge had revolted and was in open, defiant rebellion against the authority of the Grand Lodge of that Grand Jurisdiction, we felt sure that it would be revealed that Cerneauism was the promoting, patronizing cause of the trouble. Sure enough it was soon developed that the very head and front, the brains, the Mephistopheles of the disgraceful Masonic rebellion, was a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the thirty-third degree of the Supreme Council for the United States of America, its Territories and dependencies, the one formed by Thompson, Barker, Folger & Co.

They are now trying to organize clandestine Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies in Ohio. It is against such Masons and organizations, having such a disgraceful Masonic

* Folger's History, p. 324.

history, that we are warring, and warning our uninformed brethren against these disturbers of Masonic peace and harmony. It is against these Masonic Anarchists that the Grand Commandery and the Grand Lodge of Ohio are warring. There can be no compromise in this war. It is a conflict between pure and honorable Masonry, with its laws in their integrity on the one side and clandestine Anarchistic Masonry on the other side. The war will only end with the absolute triumph of one party or the other. In such a controversy can plain, honest Masons hesitate? Mark! Those organizations against which we are waging war, are reeking with a record of Masonic rebellion and chism, and their leaders are literally tattooed with Masonic treason to their Grand Lodges, Chapters, Commanderies, etc.

We give this parting salutation to our brethren: "Peace on earth to men of good will." Our work for 1887 is done. *Laus Deo.*

Under Connecticut Sir Carson calls the attention of Sir Wheeler to a credit which he gave us for an article on cremation. We endorse Sir Carson's claim to its authorship; we did not write it.

Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel elected Grand Commander; Sir John N. Bell re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Nashville, May 17, 1887.

It is with pleasure we quote from the address of the Grand Commander the following, as showing the glorious enterprise of fraters of Tennessee:—

The proposed "Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home" is a grand charity, and one worthy of the consideration and material aid of the entire Masonic craft. The projectors of the enterprise have entered its service without the "hope of

fee or reward," and the energy they have brought into the work demonstrates that they know "no such word as fail." It is confidently believed, before the close of another year, that the Institution will be an established fact, and with doors opened wide, will be ready to receive into the Home "destitute widows and helpless orphans." I commend the enterprise to your sympathy and endorsement.

With the "Masonic Headquarters and Library Association," located in the city of Nashville, most of you are familiar. Its reorganization and removal to handsome and elegantly fitted up rooms in the Masonic Temple has enlarged its facilities and increased its usefulness. It is now the depository for the archives of all the Grand Bodies, and possesses the largest collection of Masonic literature in the South. The tables contain all the leading periodicals and daily newspapers of the country, and it is essentially a place of "rest and refreshment" for the craft from wheresoever they may come.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder, Geo. C. Conner.

Pennsylvania for 1886 is fraternally noticed.

Charles Winston Mosby, Memphis, elected Grand Commander; George Cooper Conner, Chattanooga, elected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave was held at Marshall, April 13, 1887.

R. E. Sir T. W. Subbock, Grand Commander.

Preliminary to the opening of the Grand Commandery, there was the following:—

At 9 o'clock A. M., Gray Commandery, No. 16, K. T., of Marshall, with visiting Sir Knights, met at the Asylum of said Commandery, and, forming in line, marched to the Capitol hotel, there taking under their escort the R. E. Grand Commandery of Texas, they marched to the Methodist

Episcopal Church, where devotional services appropriate to the occasion were had. The church was exquisitely decorated with Templar flags, evergreens and flowers, and hundreds of Marshall's fairest daughters occupied seats in the large auditorium. Back of the altar and above, on the wall, was an immense scarlet Maltese cross, in the centre of which was worked in white a small cross within a crown. Rev. J. Howe Jenkins played the organ, and the choir, composed of some of the best local musical talent, finely rendered the opening song: "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The Mayor gave the Grand Commander the keys of the city, and the Knights attendant the city itself. The Grand Prelate delivered an address full of thought eloquently expressed, and, upon the conclusion of the ceremonies, a magnificent banner was presented to the Grand Commandery. Altogether it must have been a pleasant episode.

The Grand Commander, upon the opening of his Grand Commandery, delivered an extended address—among other things he said—

Prior to this Conclave of the Grand Encampment, there was a decided diversity of opinion as to the usefulness of this Body, and the benefits to be derived from its sessions. Some thought it an expensive luxury, and gotten up for show, and the elevation to office of a favored few—a kind of mutual admiration society. Some thought it was not an essential to the good government, well-being and advancement of Templarism in the United States, and advocated leaving all power in the Grand Jurisdiction of each State. With all these opinions I must now differ, and I believe a better feeling will now prevail, and that the Grand Encampment will be recognized as a working Body absolutely necessary for the well being and progress of our Order. From it all organic law should emanate, and to it we should look for authority and advice.

May 4, 1887.—There was a called Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Dallas out of respect for Past Grand Commander J. C. McCoy, who died in that city April 30; attended

the funeral, and appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions expressive of their feelings.

The report on Correspondence was by the Past Grand Commander above referred to, and notices thirty-one Grand Commanderies, Pennsylvania for 1886 being among the number. How sad to realize that so soon so vigorous a mind and body should cease among us.

The following is the conclusion of his report:—

In making up our report on Foreign Correspondence, we have not attempted display, but confined ourself strictly to presenting truly and faithfully, in brief, all matters of interest engaging the attention and consideration of the various Grand Templar Bodies during the past year, together with their action thereon, as shown in their respective proceedings coming under our observation.

With the exception of one or two Grand Jurisdictions, the Order is shown to be in a flourishing condition, both in point of numbers and character of acquisitions. The whole number of Templars in the United States, up to 1885, is 69,299, and 74,804 in the world up to 1886.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. McCOY,
Chairman Correspondence.

Sir John O. Johnson elected Grand Commander; Sir R. Brewster re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

Forty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Burlington, June 14, 1887.

The R. E. Grand Commander, in his address, reports, among a number, the following decision:—

No member of a Commandery, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the order of the Temple upon any Knight of the Red Cross by a mere objection; but every candidate once elected

to receive the orders in any Commandery, and who shall have been duly constituted a Knight of the Red Cross, shall be entitled to the order of the Temple, unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly presented. This section, however, shall not apply unless a notice of the Conclave at which the candidate was elected to receive the Orders shall have been sent to the objector, containing the information that the candidate's name would at that time be presented for ballot."

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Frederick G. Foster. Pennsylvania is not among the number reviewed. We quote his conclusion at length :—

The pilgrimage of 1886 is passed, and visited the shrine of our Lord, as witnessed the aspirations of Templar Fraters for the perfections manifested in the character of the Perfect, the Son of Man Immanuel. For however trivial many of the incidents reviewed, all rightly viewed lead unto the perfection of the whole, as the fringe of blue on the garments of the true worshippers was made up of little threads bound together, each thread, however slight, helping to make the shining mark of service to the Lord. And, as we close this review, a work now of the irrevocable past, we humbly say to all *Fratres nostros, et nobiles.* Be proud and be brave, and then the Order will be victorious and submissive to the highest good. We have had great pleasure and instruction the past year in reading lectures on the Templars by the Historian, J. A. Froude, delivered in Edinburgh, and republished in the *Living Age.* He describes the grand characteristics of the Templars to have been pride and bravery, the true pride of character and bravery of belief, without which there can be no real charity and pure hospitality. The days of their strife are over, yet never ended the need of these qualities to win peace and prosperity in our warfare with the deceits and frauds of the world.

And failure in these qualities of those whom we claim as our Ancient Brethren, is a mark of meanness and cowardice. Cowardice alone leads to wickedness. And more frequently seen this cloak of meanness than some would suppose. Then, Templars all, in the name of God and St. John the Almoner, let us be proud in character and brave in the

right, pressing forward to the front in deeds of goodwill and kind assistance. Crying out as cried on the Plains of Judea the Templars of old, Beauceant, and near then to our aims the shrine of Immanuel.

Delos Marston Bacon, St. Johnsbury Centre, elected Grand Commander; Warren Giles Reynolds, Burlington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Thirteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery met in the city of Charleston, May 11, 1886.

The Grand Commander, Will H. Riggs, having left the State some time before this Conclave, he notifies his fraters in the following words :—

Sir Knights of West Virginia :—Duty to myself and family seem to require me to go beyond the bounds of the State to seek employment where I can more fully reap the rewards of my labor, and thereby more liberally contribute to the wants and necessities of my family. I was in hopes that it would be within my power to be with you, but duty seems to call me elsewhere. But rest assured, if not with you in person, I will be with you in spirit, and this calls to our mind, "Shall we meet again?"

Also held an Annual Communication at Charleston, May 11, 1887, R. E. Sir George Davis, Grand Commander, presiding. His address is a history of his official acts for the year past, and, while very complete, is entirely local in its interest. He rendered no decisions during his term. The following was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia near other Grand Commanderies, are hereby courteously requested to attend in person each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery near which they reside, and that the failure of such Representative to attend two successive Annual Conclaves, without excuse deemed sufficient by the Grand Commander for the time being, shall terminate the commission of such Representative.

No report on Correspondence.

Alex. Parks elected Grand Commander; R. C. Dunnington re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave was held at Milwaukee, October 11, 1887.

R. E. Sir Jeremiah Watts, Grand Commander, presiding. The Grand Commander's address is local in its interest. He had thought of appointing the Grand Officers, as convenient, to visit and inspect the Commanderies in the neighborhood of their homes; but, upon reflection, he concluded to leave the subject with the Grand Commandery to deal with as they may think best.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Wm. C. Swain, and reviews the actions of thirty-five Grand Commanderies, Pennsylvania for 1886 being included. We quote from his review of Maine the following on the subject of parades, and we must admit there is much truth in it:—

> Well, probably, this question of parades is also a mere matter of taste. Probably we should feel differently about it if parades themselves had not become ridiculous to us by the excess to which they have been carried. If the followers of a particular candidate wish to convince the world that he possesses all the moral, social and political virtues, they hire a band of boys and others to parade with torches and music through our streets. If a union of hod carriers wish to convince their employers that they should receive ten cents a day more, they parade. A band of Chicago Anarchists convinces the world that their doctrines are correct by a parade. Probably for these reasons it has become distasteful to many of us. But if our younger fraters like it, why let them enjoy it, at least, if they can do so without calling us superannuated who do not wish to fall in.

Sir N. B. Rundle elected Grand Commander; Sir I. W. Laffin re-elected Grand Recorder.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM J. KELLY,
for Committee.

STATISTICS

— OF —

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

May 1, 1888.

NOTE —Those marked * were not received within the time prescribed by the Constitution.

PITTSBURGH COMMANDERY, No. 1.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. *Second Tuesday.*

WILLIAM C. WRIGHT, Eminent Commander.

James S. McKean, Gen. James B. Youngson, Capt.-Gen.
George Glass, Treasurer. William T. Reiter, Recorder,
P. O. Box 892, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Knighted, 37; admitted, 5; dimitted, 2; died, 3; suspended, 8; restored, 2; rejected, 2. Present membership, 389.

Dues, $155.60; fees, $74.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $19.45. Total, $249.05.

DIED.—William Little, P. E. C., Thomas Lowry, John H. Stewart.

PHILADELPHIA COMMANDERY, No. 2.

Philadelphia. *First Monday.*

ALEXANDER KINNIER, Eminent Commander.

Edward T. Alburger, Gen. Richard Maris, Capt.-Gen.
Thomas H. Gill, Treasurer. William H. Neilson, Recorder, 1326 Ellsworth St., Philadelphia.

Knighted, 20; admitted, 3; dimitted, 1; died, 8; suspended, 4. Present membership, 416.

Dues, $166.40; fees, $40.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $20.80. Total, $227.20.

DIED.—George Dorlan, Thomas M. Coleman, Benjamin S. Douglass, J. Thomas Stavely, William T. Richson, Edward S. Fenimore, John S. Miles, Charles W. Schropp.

JACQUES DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 3.

Washington, Washington County. *Third Friday.*

JOHN K. MCMILLAN, Eminent Commander.

George A. Carsten, Gen. S. Haslett, P. E. C., Capt.-Gen.
F. Whittlesey, M. D., P. E. C., Treasurer. Jas. W. McDowell, P. E. C. Rec., Washington, Pa.

Knighted, 8; admitted, 1; dimitted, 1; suspended 1; rejected, 1; restored, 1. Present membership, 43.

Dues, $17.20; fees, $16.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.15. Total, $35.35.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 4.

Philadelphia. *Fourth Friday.*

W. HARRY STIRLING, Eminent Commander.

Joseph Butler, Gen. Wm. Allison Cochran, Capt.-G.
John S. Stevens, Treasurer. William D. Shubert, Recorder.
201 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Knighted, 28; dimitted, 1; suspended, 15; died, 8. Present membership, 546.

Dues, $218.40; fees, $56.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $27.30. Total, $301.70.

DIED.—Michael B. Dyott, George H. Blankley, Jos. Likens, Dennis F. Dealy, P. E. C., Wm. N. Toy, Alexander Whitten, Edward Masson, P. E. C., and Grand Marshal, John Grouch.

ST. OMER COMMANDERY, No. 7.

Brownsville, Fayette County. *Second Friday.*

JESSE M. BOWELL, Eminent Commander.

John S. Marsh, Gen. Geo. W. Smith, Capt.-Gen.
Thomas Duncan, Treasurer. Elgy Chamberlain, Recorder.
Brownsville, Pa.

Knighted, 8; dimitted. 4. Present membership, 49.

Dues, $19.60; fees, $16.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.45 Total, 38.05.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 8.

Carlisle, Cumberland County. *Fourth Thursday.*

WILLIAM R. BAILLIE, Eminent Commander.

George A. Rea, Gen. Winfield S. Schroder, Capt.-G.
Joshua P. Bixler, P.E.C., Treas. John G. Bobb, P. E. C., Rec.,
Carlisle, Pa.

Knighted, 10; dimitted, 2; suspended, 1; rejected, 2. Present membership, 87.

Dues, $34.80; fees, $20.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $4.35. Total, $59.15.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 9.

Reading, Berks County. *Second Tuesday.*

HENRY J. HUNSICKER, Eminent Commander.
Geo. F. Hagenman, Gen. Henry A. Maurer, Capt.-Gen.
H. D. Breniser, P. E. C., Treas. Fred'k W. Lauer, P. E. C., Rec.,
29 N. Fifth St., Reading, Pa.

Knighted, 2; admitted, 1; dimitted, 1; died, 5; suspended, 2. Present membership, 129.

Dues, $51.60; fees, $4; Grand Encampment assessment, $6.45. Total, $62.05.

DIED.—Tobias Barto, Amish D. Miller, James Koch, Charles E. Wannemacher (Treas.), James H. Hautsch.

MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY, No. 10.

Altoona, Blair County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

HERMAN L. DELO, Eminent Commander.
James G. Humer, Gen. Amos. C. Davis, Capt.-Gen.
Albert F. Heess, Treas. Timothy Davis, Rec.,
Altoona, Pa.

Knighted, 9; admitted, 1; died, 1; suspended, 1. Present membership, 122.

Dues, $48.80; fees, $18.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $6.10. Total, $72.90.

DIED.—Andrew C. Vanclain.

PILGRIM COMMANDERY, No. 11.

Harrisburg, Dauphin County. *First Thursday.*

DANIEL H. HEISEY, Eminent Commander.
Jacob P. Barringer, Gen. John E. Shopp, Capt.-Gen.
Daniel C. Maurer, Treas. Alex. W. Bergstresser, Rec.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Knighted, 10; dimitted, 4; died, 4; suspended, 2; rejected, 4. Present membership, 139.

Dues, $55.60; fees, $20.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $6.95. Total, $82.55.

DIED.—John D. Bowman, Henry J. Rife, David C. Burnite, James S. Young.

* CRUSADE COMMANDERY, No. 12.

Bloomsburg, Columbia County. Thursday, on or after Full Moon.

DAVID J. ROGERS, Eminent Commander.

James M. Staver, Gen. — Peter S. Harman, Capt.-Gen.
Jeremiah J. Brower, Treas. — Christ. F. Knapp, P. G. C., Rec., Bloomsburg, Pa.

Knighted, 1; dimitted, 2; degraded, 1. Present membership, 69.

Dues, $27.60; fees, $2.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.45. Total, $33.05.

LANCASTER COMMANDERY, No. 13.

Lancaster, Lancaster County. Fourth Thursday.

GEORGE H. ROTHERMEL, Eminent Commander.

George A. Marshall, Gen. — David E. Long, Capt.-Gen.
Charles A. Heinitsh, Treas. — Hugh S. Gara, Rec., Lancaster, Pa.

Knighted, 16; admitted, 1; dimitted, 2; died, 9; suspended, 2. Present membership, 244.

Dues, $97.60; fees, $32.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $12.20. Total, $141.80.

DIED.—John F. Reith, Dr. Henry Carpenter, P. E. C., Joseph L. Pennock, Jacob G. Peters, George Lutz, John Rees, Augustus J. Kuhn, Jacob Rotharmel, David Graham.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 14.

Carbondale, Lackawanna County. First Friday.

SILAS A. MCMULLEN, Eminent Commander.

John M. Stewart, Gen. — John O. Miles, Capt.-Gen.
Washington Burr, P. E. C., Treas. — Henry B. Wilbur, P. E. C., Rec., Carbondale, Pa.

Knighted, 1; died, 2. Present membership, 69.

Dues, $27.60; fees, $2.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.45. Total, $33.05.

DIED.—Rollin H. Smith, Lucius Marshall.

JERUSALEM COMMANDERY, No. 15.

Phœnixville, Chester County. Third Saturday after full moon.

WILLIAM H. BITTING, Eminent Commander.

George S. Cascardan, Gen. — William H. Harvey, Capt.-Gen.
Daniel F. Moore, P. E. C., Tr. — Edward Taney Plush, Rec., Phœnixville, Pa.

Knighted, 6; suspended, 2. Present membership, 104.
Dues, $41.60; fees, $12.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $5.20. Total, $58.80.

NORTHERN COMMANDERY, No. 16.

Towanda, Bradford County. *Fourth Wednesday.*

WILLIAM B. HECKMAN, Eminent Commander.

John H. Sairs, Gen. — W. Henry Dodge, Capt.-Gen.
Wm. Chamberlain, P. E. C., Treas. — Jas. H. Codding, P. E. C., Rec., Towanda, Pa.

Knighted, 3; suspended, 3. Present membership, 100.
Dues, $40.00; fees, $6.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $5.00. Total, $51.00.

* CŒUR DE LION COMMANDERY, No. 17.

Scranton, Lackawanna County. *Last Wednesday.*

JOS. E. PAYFAIR, Eminent Commander.

C. L. Van Buskirk, Gen. — Chas. D. Sanderson, Capt.-Gen.
E. P. Kingsbury, P. E. C., Treas. — Edward L. Buck, P. E. C., Rec., Scranton, Pa.

Knighted, 4; admitted, 3; died, 2; suspended, 1. Present membership, 112.
Dues, $44.80; fees, $8.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $5.60. Total, $58.40.

DIED.—Charles P. Manness, James Ruthven, P.E.C.

KEDRON COMMANDERY, No. 18.

Greensburg, Westmoreland County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

WELTY MCCULLOUGH, Eminent Commander.

James B. Laux, Gen. — John L. Riding, Capt.-Gen.
Cyrus N. Stark, P. E. C., Treas. — John Covode Reed, Rec., Greensburg, Pa.

Knighted, 10; dimitted, 3; died, 2. Present membership, 122.

Dues, $48.80; fees, $20.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $6.10. Total, $74.90.

DIED.—James Leeper, James J. Hazlett.

HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, No. 19.

Easton, Northampton County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

JACOB SANDT, Eminent Commander.

George E. Sciple, Gen. — James T. Woodring, Capt.-Gen.
James R. Zearfoss, Treas. — Geo. S. Siegert, P. E. C., Rec., Easton, Pa.

Knighted, 13; admitted, 1; dimitted, 4; died, 1; suspended, 2; rejected, 1. Present membership, 128.

Dues, $51.20; fees, $26.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $6.40. Total, $83.60.

DIED.—William Henry Kellogg.

ALLEN COMMANDERY, No. 20.

Allentown, Lehigh County. *Second Thursday.*

HENRY C. WAGNER, Eminent Commander.

Joseph A. Weaver, Gen. — Morris D. Kauffman, Capt.-Gen.
Russel A. Thayer, Treas. — Augustus F. Shick, P.E.C., Rec., Allentown, Pa.

Knighted, 6; admitted, 2; dimitted, 1; died, 3; suspended, 2; rejected, 1; restored, 1. Present membership, 157.

Dues, $62.80; fees, $12.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $7.85. Total, $82.65.

DIED.—Tilghman H. Good, John R. Schall, Joseph C. Morgan.

YORK COMMANDERY, No. 21.

York, York County. *Thursday after First Monday.*

GEORGE W. S. LOUCKS, Eminent Commander.

Alfred G. Sultzbach, Gen. John B. Sprenkel, Capt.-Gen.
Robert M. Barnitz, P. E. C., Tr. Thomas Wood, Recorder,
York, Pa.

Knighted, 3; dimitted, 2; died, 2; suspended, 2. Present membership, 81.

Dues, $32.40; fees, $6.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $4.05. Total, $42.45.

DIED.—Edward G. Smyser, James Hopkins Rau, P. E. C.

BALDWIN II COMMANDERY, No. 22.

Williamsport, Lycoming County. *Third Tuesday.*

ALEXANDER BEEDE, Eminent Commander.

Henry S. Andrus, Gen. John P. Suess, Capt.-Gen.
W. F. Logan, M.D., P. E. C., Tr. Wm. R. Prior, P. E. C., Rec.,
Williamsport, Pa.

Knighted, 5; admitted, 2; dimitted, 2; died, 2; suspended, 4; rejected, 3. Present membership, 139.

Dues, $55.60; fees, $10.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $6.95. Total, $72.55.

DIED.—Henry S. Fessler, John B. Newton.

PACKER COMMANDERY, No. 23.

Mauch Chunk, Carbon County. *Third Tuesday.*

BYRON ESSER, Eminent Commander.

John H. Heckman, Gen. Charles E. Foster, Capt.-Gen.
Robert Klotz, P. E. C., Treas. Laird H. Barber, P. E. C., Rec.,
Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Knighted, 12; admitted, 1; dimitted, 1; died, 2, Present membership, 91.

Dues, $36.40; fees, $24.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $4.55. Total, $64.95.

DIED.—James A. Dinkey, P. E. C., Tams Frank Walter.

HERMIT COMMANDERY, No. 24.

Lebanon, Lebanon County. *Fourth Thursday.*

CALVIN W. BROWER, Eminent Commander.

John R. Raudenbush, Gen. Frank H. Reinoehl, Capt.-Gen.
Jos. L. Lemberger, P. E. C., Tr. W. G. Ward, Recorder,
Box 315, Lebanon, Pa.

Knighted, 4; dimitted, 1. Present membership, 91.

Dues, $36.40; fees, $8.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $4.55. Total, $48.95.

*NORTHWESTERN COMMANDERY, No. 25.

Meadville, Crawford County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

WINFIELD S. ROSE, Eminent Commander.

William A. Rupert, Gen. Myron W. Sackett, Capt.-Gen.
Henry Church, P. E. C., Treas. N. C. McLaughlin, Recorder,
Meadville, Pa.

Admitted, 3; dimitted, 1; died, 2; suspended, 10. Present membership, 78.

Dues, $31.20; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.90. Total, $35.10.

DIED.—E. V. Derickson, Henry Austin.

LEWISTOWN COMMANDERY, No. 26.

Lewistown, Mifflin County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

JOSEPH S. MARTIN, Eminent Commander.

Landon C. Heskett, Gen. Frank I. Zerbe, Capt.-Gen.
David E. Robeson, P. E. C., Tr. Robert H. Junkin, Rec.,
Lewistown, Pa.

Knighted, 4; admitted, 1; died, 1; suspended, 2; restored, 1. Present membership, 61.

Dues, $24.40; fees, $8.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.05. Total, $35.45.

DIED.—William C. Vines.

*GREAT BEND COMMANDERY, No. 27.

Great Bend, Susquehanna County. *Second Friday.*

JOHN W. DUSENBURY, Eminent Commander.

John G. Brewer, Gen. William J. Day, Capt.-Gen.
Samuel T. Kistler, Treas. J. H. Dusenbury, P. G. C., Rec., Great Bend, Pa.

Knighted, 5; suspended, 7. Present membership, 75.

Dues, $30.00; fees, $10.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.75. Total, $43.75.

*TYAGAGHTON COMMANDERY, No. 28.

Wellsboro, Tioga County. *Second Friday.*

WILLIAM H. VERMILYEA, Eminent Commander.

William H. Roberts, Gen. George M. Spalding, Capt.-Gen.
Ezra B. Young, Treas. John W. Mather, Rec., Wellsboro, Pa.

Knighted, 4; died, 1; rejected, 1. Present membership, 34.

Dues, $13.60; fees, $8.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $1.70. Total, $23.30.

DIED.—Henry Allen.

KADOSH COMMANDERY, No. 29.

Philadelphia. *Fourth Thursday.*

ALFRED H. BOLTON, Eminent Commander.

William Aday Foster, Gen. Charles W. Burkart, Capt.-Gen.
Frank Garrigues, Treas. Alph. C. Ireland, P. E. C., Rec., 59 S. Fourth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Knighted, 19; admitted, 1; dimitted, 9; died, 5; suspended, 4; rejected, 1. Present membership, 270.

Dues, $108.00; fees, $38.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $13.50. Total, $159.50.

DIED.—John H. Young, John Barr, Henry B. Bunting, Jesse Shore, Harry T. Garsed.

MT. OLIVET COMMANDERY, No. 30.

Erie, Erie County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

FRANK MCSPARREN, Eminent Commander.

Henry W. DeWitt, Gen. D. Saml. Crawford, Capt.-Gen.
Frank M. Lamb, Treas. John L. Wells, Recorder,
Erie, Pa,

Knighted, 7; died, 2; suspended, 2; rejected, 1. Present membership, 181.

Dues, $72.40; fees, $14.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $9.05. Total, $95.45.

DIED.—George V. Maus, P. E. C., Isaac Horton.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 31.

Tamaqua, Schuylkill County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

ISAAC Y. SOLLENBERGER, P. E. C., Eminent Commander.

Thos. L. Hess, P. E. C., Gen. Richard Boyd, Capt.-Gen.
E. J. Fry, Treas. William Priser, Rec.,
Tamaqua, Pa.

Knighted, 4; died, 1. Present membership, 62.

Dues, $24.80; fees, $8.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.10. Total, $35.90.

DIED.—Edward Enterline.

HUTCHINSON COMMANDERY, No. 32.

Norristown, Montgomery County. *Fourth Monday.*

WILLIAM E. PERRY, Eminent Commander.

Samuel D. Crawford, Gen. B. Frank Dewees, Capt.-Gen.
William Stahler, Treasurer. Thad. S. Adle, P. E. C., Rec.,
Norristown, Pa.

Knighted, 9; died, 3. Present membership, 176.

Dues, $70.40; fees, $18.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $8.80. Total, $97.20.

DIED.—J. Wright Apple, Robert K. Ward, John McLean.

CONSTANS COMMANDERY, No. 33.

Bellefonte, Centre County. *Second Friday.*

WILLIAM F. REYNOLDS, Eminent Commander.

Wilson Isaac Fleming, Gen. George W. Dickey, Capt.-Gen.
John P. Harris, Treasurer. George B. Weaver, Recorder, Bellefonte, Pa.

Knighted, 1; dimitted, 3. Present membership, 72.

Dues, $28.80; fees, $2.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.60. Total, $34.40.

* CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 34.

Columbia, Lancaster County. *Third Friday.*

JOHN WESTERMAN, Eminent Commander.

T. M. Livingstone, M. D., Gen. Amaziah E. Keim, Capt.-Gen.
William G. Taylor, Treasurer. And. J. Kauffman, P. G. C., Rec., Columbia, Pa.

Knighted, 2; admitted, 2; dimitted, 1; died, 1. Present membership, 66.

Dues, $26.40; fees, $4.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.30. Total, $33.70.

DIED.—Josiah Gramm.

* ALLEGHENY COMMANDERY, No. 35.

Allegheny City, Allegheny County. *Fourth Friday.*

JOSEPH T. NEVIN, Eminent Commander.

George C. Johnson, Gen. S. M. Reynolds, Capt.-Gen.
Alfred Slack, Treasurer. G. Noble Lacock, P. E. C., Rec., 168 Federal St., Allegheny City, Pa.

Knighted, 14; admitted, 2; died, 3; suspended, 3. Present membership, 198.

Dues, $79.20; fees, 28.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $9.90. Total, $117.10.

DIED.—James L. Styne, Edward Lutz, Gotlieb Wetlach.

MARY COMMANDERY, No. 36.

Philadelphia. *Second Thursday.*

THOMAS J. BELVILLE, Eminent Commander.

Arther M. Muth, Gen. — Charles W. Packer, Capt.-Gen.
John L. Young, P. E. C., Treasurer. — Chas. E. Meyer, P. E. C., Rec., 1717 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Knighted, 41; dimitted, 2; died, 11; suspended, 35. Present membership, 565.

Dues, $226.00; fees, $82.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $28.25. Total, $336.25.

DIED.—George D Althouse, Frederick G. Adams, Samuel R. Blake, Samuel B. Drake, Ebenezer P. Holman, Wm. C. Lawson, Samuel Rain, William Shinn, D. J. Stewart, Lorenz Neubauer, Christian N. Sharer.

CALVARY COMMANDERY, No. 37.

Danville, Montour County. *Third Thursday.*

JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, Eminent Commander.

Elliott R. Morgan, Gen. — Elias S. Miller, Capt.-Gen.
Daniel S. Bloom, P. E. C, Treas. — Alex. J. Frick, P. E. C. Rec., Danville, Pa.

Knighted, 2; admitted, 1; died, 1. Present membership, 67.

Dues, $26.80; fees, $4.00; Grand Encampment assessment $3.35. Total, $34.15.

DIED.—Adolph Steinbrenner, P. E. C.

ROSE CROIX COMMANDERY, No. 38.

Titusville, Crawford County. *First Wednesday.*

JOHN C. GŒTCHIUS, Eminent Commander.

John S. Bradley, Gen. — Joseph J. McCrum, Capt.-Gen.
Edmund R. Young, Treas. — Burt. F. Edwards, P. E. C., Rec., Titusville, Pa.

Admitted, 3; dimitted, 4; degraded, 3. Present membership, 40.

Dues, $16.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.00. Total, $18.00.

PRINCE OF PEACE COMMANDERY, No. 39.

Ashland, Schuylkill County. *Fourth Thursday.*

WILLIAM A. PHILLIPS, Eminent Commander.

Geo. W. Parmley, Gen. — Albert L. Laubenstein, Capt.-G.
Emil C. Wagner, P.E.C., Treas. — Geo. H. Helfrich, P. E. C., Rec., Ashland, Pa.

Knighted, 3; admitted, 1. dimitted 1. Present membership, 53.

Dues, $21.20; fees, $6.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.65. Total, $29.85.

*KNAPP COMMANDERY, No. 40.

Ridgeway, Elk County. *Fourth Thursday.*

AMOS B. WHEELER, Eminent Commander.

Eugene J. Miller, Gen. — Frank C. Ely, Capt.-Gen.
Byron F. Ely, Treasurer. — William C. Healy, Recorder, Ridgeway, Pa.

Present membership, 30.

Dues, $12.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $1.50. Total, $13.50.

*CONSTANTINE COMMANDERY, No. 41.

Pottsville, Schuylkill Co. *Wednesday on or before full Moon.*

STEPHEN A. THURLOW, Eminent Commander.

Christian F. Conrad, Gen. Albert Robinson, Capt.-Gen.
D. H. Seibert, P. E. C., Treas. Jeremiah J. Cake, P. E. C., Rec., Pottsville, Pa.

Knighted, 1; admitted, 1; died, 1. Present membership, 80.

Dues, $32.00; fees, $2.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $4.00. Total, $38.00.

DIED.—Theodore Garretson.

READING COMMANDERY, No. 42.

Reading, Berks County. *Second Friday.*

THOMAS P. MERRITT, Eminent Commander.

Samuel B. Keppel, Gen. J. William Jost, Capt.-Gen.
Jacob C. Hoff, Treasurer. Henry A. Tyson, P. E. C., Rec., Reading, Pa.

Knighted, 14; died, 2; restored, 1; rejected, 1. Present membership, 241.

Dues, $96.40; fees, $28.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $12.05. Total, $136.45.

DIED.—Daniel Housum, Frederick S. Boas.

TALBOT COMMANDERY, No. 43.

Oil City, Venango County. *First Monday.*

Rev. JOHN N. MACGONIGLE, Eminent Commander.

John Howard Payne, Gen. Horatio N. Arnold, Capt.-Gen.
William J. Young, Treas. H. C. Goldsborough, Rec., Oil City, Pa.

Knighted, 2; dimitted, 1; died, 2; suspended, 8. Present membership, 65.

Dues, $26.00; fees, $4.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.25. Total, $33.25.

DIED.—Benjamin F. Innes, Charles John Fraser.

* FRANKLIN COMMANDERY, No. 44.

Franklin, Venango County. *Fourth Tuesday.*

GEORGE MALONEY, Eminent Commander.

John W. Rupert, Gen. — Wash'n D. Doyle, Capt.-Gen.
William Wenzel, Treas. — Chas. D. Elliott, M. D., Rec., Lock Box 267, Franklin, Pa.

Knighted, 2; suspended 2. Present membership, 46.

Dues, $18.40; fees, $4.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.30. Total, $24.70.

* DIEU LE VEUT COMMANDERY, No. 45.

Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County. *First Friday.*

EGBERT O. WEEKS, Eminent Commander.

Robert K. Laycock, Gen. — Stephen B. Vaughn, Capt.-Gen.
James Brady, Treas. — David O. McCollum, Rec., Wyoming, Luzerne County, Pa.

Knighted, 6. Present membership, 30.

Dues, $12.00; fees, $12.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $1.50. Total, $25.50.

HOSPITALLER COMMANDERY, No. 46.

Lock Haven, Clinton County. *First Wednesday.*

ROBERT S. BARKER, Eminent Commander.

Edward D. Trump, Jr., Gen. — John Noble, Capt-Gen.
John F. Throne, Treas. — J. T. Beardsley, P. E. C., Rec., Lock Haven, Pa.

Dimitted, 2; died, 2; suspended, 3. Present membership, 56.

Dues, $22.40; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.80. Total, $25.20.

DIED—William Henry Smith, Recorder, Lewis Miles Schuyler.

ST. ALBAN COMMANDERY, No. 47.

Philadelphia. *Fourth Tuesday.*

GEORGE P. WILSON, Eminent Commander.

John R. McFetridge, Gen. Isaac A. Cleaver, Capt.-Gen.
W. W. Allen, P. E. C., Treas. Horace A. Reeves, Rec.,
123 S. Fourth St., Philadelphia.

Knighted, 32; admitted, 4; dimitted, 5; suspended, 6; degraded, 4; restored, 1; rejected, 2. Present membership, 319.

Dues, $127.60; fees, $64.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $15.95. Total, $207.55.

TANCRED COMMANDERY, No. 48.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County. *Fourth Monday.*

JAMES KERR, JR., Eminent Commander.

James S. Arnold, Gen. Wm. S. Brown, Capt.-Gen.
Benjamin Darlington, Treas. William Clark, Rec.,
P. O. Box 308, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Knighted, 23; admitted, 3; dimitted, 1; died, 2; rejected, 1. Present membership, 295.

Dues, $118.00; fees, $46.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $14.75. Total, $178.75.

DIED.—Surge Kelley, John Coulter.

* UNIONTOWN COMMANDERY, No. 49.

Uniontown, Fayette County. *Third Thursday.*

LEVI S. GADDIS, Eminent Commander.

Wm. L. Robinson, Gen. William J. Moon, Capt.-Gen.
Wm. B. McCormick, Treas. John M. Oglevee, Rec.,
Uniontown, Pa.

Knighted 7. Present membership, 36.

Dues, $14.40; fees, $14.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $1.80. Total, $30.20.

REBECCA COMMANDERY, No. 50.

Sharon, Mercer County. *Fourth Friday.*

GEORGE L. WILLIAMS, Eminent Commander.

Wm. M. McCormick, Gen. John C. Owsley, Capt.-Gen.
Harry Orchard, P. E. C., Treas. M. H. Henderson, P. E. C., Rec., Sharon, Mercer Co., Pa.

Knighted, 11; dimitted, 3. Present membership, 84.

Dues, $33.60; fees, $22.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $4.20. Total, $59.80.

CLARENCE COMMANDERY, No. 51.

Corry, Erie County. *Second Tuesday.*

JEROME R. GRAVES, P. E. C., Eminent Commander.

Levi S. Clough, Gen. Chas H. Wasson, Capt.-Gen.
Clarence G. Harmon, Treas. H. D. Persons, Rec., Corry, Pa.

Knighted, 3; died, 5. Present membership, 53.

Dues, $21.20; fees, $6.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.65. Total, $29.85.

DIED.—Henry A. Porter, John H. Devore (E. C.), Oscar N. Montgomery, Robert Spratt, Almon S. Bonsteel.

CORINTHIAN "CHASSEUR" COMMANDERY, No. 53.

Philadelphia. *Third Monday.*

PHILIP J. UMSTEAD, Eminent Commander.

William Clark, Gen. William Coleman, Capt.-Gen.
Oliver S. Hemphill, P. E. C., Tr. Chas. Cary, P. E. C., Rec., 417 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Knighted, 25; admitted, 3; died, 8; dimitted, 2; suspended, 3; rejected, 2. Present membership, 346.

Dues, $138.40; fees, $50.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $17.30. Total, $205.70.

DIED.—Francis A. Lynch, Charles C. Banks, Francis S. Baker, William Ellwood Rowan, Samuel Fletcher, George W. Crock, William Charlton, John Lynch.

KENSINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 54.

Philadelphia. *Second Monday.*

GEORGE W. MARTER, M. D., Eminent Commander.

Mathias Seddinger, Gen. Wm. H. Senderling, M. D., Capt.-G.
Stephen C. Fraley, Treas. William M. Neisser, Rec.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Knighted, 7; dimitted, 4; died, 5; suspended, 2; rejected, 1. Present membership, 173.

Dues, $69.20; fees, $14.00; Grand Encampment, assessment, $8.65. Total, $91.85.

DIED.—Jacob Baltz, Charles W. Bauer, Joseph Draude, William H. Einwechter, James Mackintosh, P. E. C.

CENTENNIAL COMMANDERY, No. 55.

Coatesville, Chester County. *Third Wednesday.*

MORRIS E. SHIELDS, Eminent Commander.

Robert H. Hepburn, Gen. William B. Sharpe, Capt.-Gen.
Emanuel Hershey, Treas. Ezra P. Dickinson, P.E.C., Rec.,
Coatesville, Pa.

Knighted, 7. Present membership, 23.

Dues, $9.20; fees, $14.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $1.15. Total, $24.35.

CONTINENTAL COMMANDERY, No. 56.

Chambersburg, Franklin County. *Second Tuesday.*

WILLIAM H. BECK, Eminent Commander.

Andrew S. Clark, Gen. Reid W. Burnheissel, Capt.-Gen.
Jos. R. Kreichbaum, Treas. John M. Gilmore, Rec.,
Chambersburg, Pa.

Died, 1. Present membership, 26.

Dues, $10.40; Grand Encampment assessment, $1.30. Total, $11.70.

DIED.—George W. Welch.

WYOMING VALLEY COMMANDERY, No. 57.

Pittston, Wyoming County. *Last Friday.*

ADAM HARKNESS, Eminent Commander,
Archie McI. DeWitt, Gen. John A. Law, Capt.-Gen.
Alex. McDougall, P. E. C., Tr. Thomas W. Kyte, Recorder,
Pittston, Pa.

Died, 1. Present membership, 33.

Dues, $13.20; Grand Encampment assessment, $1.65. Total, $14.85.

DIED.—James Searle.

TRINITY COMMANDERY, No. 58.

Bradford, McKean County. *Second Thursday.*

HARRY A. MARLIN, Eminent Commander.
Edmond French Sawyer, Gen. Henry F. Barbour, Capt.-Gen.
Philip M. Shannon, P. E. C., Tr. William H. H. Fithian, Rec.,
Bradford, Pa.

Knighted, 10; dimitted, 6; suspended, 4. Present membership, 201.

Dues, $80.40; fees, $20.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $10.05. Total, $110.45.

ASCALON COMMANDERY, No. 59.

Allegheny City. *Third Thursday.*

JAMES MCNEIL, Eminent Commander.
James M. Sprague, Gen. Wm. M. Anthony, Capt.-Gen.
William Fisher, Treas. Robert H. McCreery, Rec.,
119 Page St., Allegheny City, Pa.

Knighted, 7; admitted, 1; died, 1. Present membership, 97.

Dues, $38.80; fees, $14.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $4.85. Total, $57.65.

DIED.—John B. Rothrum.

TEMPLE COMMANDERY, No. 60.

Tunkhannock, Wyoming Co. *Second Monday after full moon.*

S. JUDSON STARK, Eminent Commander.

Truman B. Vosburg, Gen. — Clarence A. Little, Capt.-Gen.
Frank C. Bunnell, Treas. — Roscoe T. Handrick, Rec., Tunkhannock, Pa.

Knighted, 1. Present membership, 64.

Dues, $25.60; fees, $2.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $3.20. Total, $30.80.

ORIENTAL COMMANDERY, No. 61.

Johnstown, Cambria County. *Thursday after Third Monday.*

WILLIAM H. ROSENSTEIL, Eminent Commander.

John P. Linton, Gen. — Alex. McKeever, Capt.-Gen.
Alexander Hamilton, Treas. — Benj. F. Speedy, Rec., Johnstown, Pa.

Knighted, 3. Present membership, 51,

Dues, $20.40; fees, $6.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.55. Total, $28.95.

LAWRENCE COMMANDERY, No. 62.

New Castle, Lawrence County. *Second Tuesday.*

WILLIAM T. BUTZ, Eminent Commander.

Horace G. Miller, Gen. — John C. Wallace, Capt.-Gen.
David Dickey, Treas. — Martin Loy Hanna, Recorder, New Castle, Pa.

Knighted, 8. Present membership, 56.

Dues, $22.40; fees, $16.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $2.80. Total, $41.20.

WARREN COMMANDERY, No. 63.

Warren, Warren County. *Fourth Monday.*

NELSON MOORE, Eminent Commander.

George L. Friday, Gen. — Christian W. Uhdey, Capt.-Gen.
Andrew Hertzell, Treas. — Robert W. Teese, Rec., Warren, Pa.

Knighted, 8; admitted, 1; dimitted, 1; died, 2; suspended, 1. Present membership, 85.

Dues, $34.00; fees, $16.00; Grand Encampment assessment, $4.25. Total, $54.25.

DIED.—James Alexander McIntosh, William C. McCutchem.

CANTON COMMANDERY, No. 64.

Canton, Bradford County. *Tuesday after Full Moon.*

JOHN A. INNES, Eminent Commander.

John E. Dobbins, Gen. — John H. Brown, Capt.-Gen.
Theo. Pierce, Treas. — W. C. Crippen, Rec., Canton, Pa.

Knighted, 7; rejected, 1. Present membership, 53.

Dues, $21.20; fees, $14.00: Grand Encampment assessment, $2.65. Total, $37.85

REPRESENTATIVES

TO THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Whose Credentials have been presented to the Grand Commandery and Recognized.

Arkansas	
Alabama	
California	
Colorado	E. Sir William J. Kelly.
Connecticut	E. Sir Charles H. Cary.
Georgia	
Illinois	R. E. Sir Andrew J. Kauffman.
Indiana	E. Sir John L. Young.
Iowa	R. E. Sir Geter C. Shidle.
Kentucky	E. Sir George E. Wagner.
Kansas	
Louisiana	
Maine	E. Sir Charles E. Meyer.
Maryland	R. E. Sir Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr.
Massachusetts and R. I.	E. Sir John P. S. Gobin.
Michigan	
Minnesota	R. E. Sir W. H. Egle, M. D.
Missouri	E. Sir Daniel Sutter.
Mississippi	
New Hampshire	E. Sir John I. Beggs.
Nebraska	R. E. Sir Joseph Alexander, Jr.
New Jersey	E. Sir John Roberts.
New York	M. E. Sir James H. Hopkins.
North Carolina	E. Sir William H. Dickson
Ohio	R. E. Sir Edwin G. Martin, M. D.
Tennessee	R. E. Sir De Witt Clinton Carroll.
Texas	E. Sir N. P. Ramsey.
Virginia	E. Sir Torrence C. Hipple.
Vermont	E. Sir Samuel Harper.
Wisconsin	R. E. Sir John H. Dusenbury.
West Virginia	E. Sir Edwin Perry.
Dakota	E. Sir Lee S. Smith.

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Alexander McCollister, Birmingham .....Alabama.
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Harper M. Orahood, Denver .....Colorado.
Eli S. Quintard, New Haven.....Connecticut.
Charles T. Watson, Atlanta.....Georgia.
John Lane White, Bloomington .....Illinois.
James B. Safford, Columbus .....Indiana.
Alman R. Dewey, Washington .....Iowa.
Henry Burnett, Paducah .....Kentucky.
David Kelso, Parsons .....Kansas.
Samuel M. Todd, New Orleans.....Louisiana.
Joseph M. Hayes, Bath.....Maine.
Charles H. Mann, Towsontown .....Maryland.
Alfred F. Chapman, Boston .....Mass. and R. I.
E. D. Benedict.....Michigan.
Robert Laird McCormick.....Minnesota.
William H. Stone, St. Louis.....Missouri.
Matthew F. Ash, Madison Station .....Mississippi.
John James Bell, Exeter .....New Hampshire.
William R. Bowen, Omaha.....Nebraska.
Isaac C. Githens, Camden.....New Jersey.
John W. Simons, New York .....New York.
E. J. Parrish, Durham.....North Carolina.
Charles E. Stanley, Cleveland.....Ohio.
Selden R. Williams, Nashville.....Tennessee.
Frank B. Sexton, Colorado City.....Texas.
Alfred R. Courtney.....Virginia.
William Brinsmaid.....Vermont.
Richard B. Bates, Racine.....Wisconsin.
William J. Bates, Sr.....West Virginia.

GRAND RECORDERS.

Alabama	E. R. Hastings	Montgomory.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thos. H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Daniel Spry	Barre, Ont.
Colorado	Edw. C. Parmelee	Pueblo.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Bruce M. Rowley	Huron.
England	William Tinkler	22 Chancery Lane, Lon.
Georgia	Saml. P. Hamilton	Savannah.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Alfred Wyngate	Des Moines.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	L. D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Charles T. Cisco	Baltimore.
Massachusetts and R. I.	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	Robert Macoy	7 Murray St., N. Y. City.
North Carolina	Horace H. Munson	Wilmington.
Ohio	John N. Bell	Dayton.
Oregon	Frelon J. Babcock	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia.
Tennessee	George C. Connor	Chattanooga.
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston.

Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
West Virginia	R. C. Dunnington	Fairmount.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
Wyoming	John K. Jeffrey	Cheyenne.
Grand Encampment	William B. Isaacs	Richmond, Va.

HISTORICAL.

Table showing the time and place of holding the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, the Grand Commander elected, etc., and date of death of those deceased, and Post Office address of those living.

YEAR.	SESSION AND DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	ELECTED GRAND COMMANDER.	REMARKS.
1854	Organization, 1797, Grand Lodge, Pa.	Philadelphia	Bayse Newcomb, P. G. M.	Died ——————, 1856
1854	June 16 " " "	"	R. Sterling Wilson, M. E. G. M.	" February 16, 1859
1855	" 8 " " "	"	" " "	
1856	" 13 " " "	"	Anthony E Stocker, M. E. G. M.	P. O. Address, Philadelphia, Pa
1854	Organization, April 12, Grand Encamp., U. S.	Brownsville	William W. Wilson	Died Dec. 1, 1865
1854	1 June 13	Pittsburgh	" "	
1855	2 " 12	"	Charles E. Blumenthal	" Oct. 11, 1883
1856	3 " 10	"	William W. Wilson	" Dec. 1, 1865
1857	Union . . . Feb. 12	Philadelphia	" "	
1857	4 June 22	Harrisburg	Benjamin Parke	" May 29, 1882
1858	5 " 22	Philadelphia	A. Jordan Swartz	" July 26, 1865
1859	6 " 22	Altoona	William H. Allen	" Aug. 29, 1882
1860	7 " 22	Reading	Christian F. Knapp	P. O Address, Bloomsburg, Pa.
1861	8 " 11	Pittsburgh	John A. Wright	" " Philadelphia, Pa.
1862	9 " 10	Easton	Edmund H. Turner	" " Altoona, Pa.
1863	10 " 9	Greensburg	H. Stanley Goodwin	" " Bethlehem, Pa.
1864	11 " 13	Carlisle	" "	" " " "
1865	12 " 13	Altoona	William H. Strickland	" " Reading, Pa.
1866	13 " 12	Lancaster	Robert Pitcairn	" " Pittsburgh, Pa.
1867	14 " 12	Pittsburgh	*Jeremiah L. Hutchinson	" " Philadelphia, Pa.
1867	Special . . . Sept. 26	Philadelphia	" "	" " " "
1868	15 June 9	Scranton	John Vallerchamp	" " Harrisburg, Pa.
1869	16 " 8	Erie	James H. Hopkins	" " Washington, D. C.
1870	17 " 14	Williamsport	Henry B. McKean	" " Towanda, Pa.
1871	18 " 13	Harrisburg	Charles M. Howell	" " Lancaster, Pa.
1872	19 " 11	Reading	Geter C. Shidle	" " Pittsburgh, Pa.
1873	20 May 13	Meadville	Grant Weidman	" " Lebanon, Pa.
1874	21 " 12	Bellefonte	John H. Dusenbury	" " Great Bend, Pa.
1875	22 " 25	Pittsburgh	Charles H. Kingston	" " Philadelphia, Pa.
1876	23 " 30	Philadelphia	Andrew J. Kauffman	" " Columbia, Pa.
1877	24 " 29	Lancaster	William H. Egle	" " Harrisburg, Pa.
1878	35 " 28	Altoona	Samuel B. Dick	" " Meadville, Pa.
1879	26 " 27	Allentown	John P. S. Gobin	" " Lebanon, Pa.
1880	27 " 25	Williamsport	DeWitt C. Carroll	" " Pittsburgh, Pa.
1881	28 " 31	Scranton	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	" " Philadelphia, Pa.
1882	29 " 30	Allegheny	B. Frank Breneman	" " Lancaster, Pa.
1883	30 " 29	Lancaster	Charles W. Batchelor	" " Pittsburgh, Pa.
1884	31 " 27	Erie	Edwin G. Martin	" " Allentown, Pa.
1885	32 " 26	Allentown	Joseph Alexander, Jr.	" " Scranton, Pa.
1886	33 " 25	Scranton	George S. Graham	" " Philadelphia, Pa.
1887	34 " 24	Philadelphia	Lee S. Smith	" " Pittsburgh, Pa.
1888	35 " 22	Pittsburgh	William W. Allen	" " Philadelphia, Pa.

* Not at present a member of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

GRAND OFFICERS GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA, FROM UNION, 1857.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania under Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania, first organized 1797, re-organized 1854. The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania under the Grand Encampment, U. S. of A., organized 1854.

Year.	*Grand Commander.*	*Deputy Grand Com.*	*Gr. Generalissimo.*	*Gr. Capt.-General.*	*Grand Prelate.*	*Grand Sr. Warden.*	*Grand Jr. Warden.*
1857	Wm. W. Wilson.	Benjamin Parke.	A. H. Tippin.	H. H. Frisbie.	A. B. Clarke.		
1858	Benjamin Parke.	A. Jordan Swartz.	John L. Gore.	C. F. Knapp.	O. H. Tiffany.		
1859	A. Jordan Swartz.	Wm. H. Allen.	C. F. Knapp.	J. A. Wright.	B. R. Waugh.	J. L. Hutchinson.	Alex. Wishart.
1860	Wm. H Allen.	C. F. Knapp.	John A. Wright.	J. L. Hutchinson.	B. R. Waugh.	Alex. Wishart.	E. H. Turner.
1861	Christian F. Knapp.	John A. Wright.	J. L. Hutchinson.	E. H. Turner.	M. C. Lightner.	Wm. H. Strickland.	Geo. R. Clarke.
1862	John A Wright.	E. H. Turner.	H. R. Hawman.	H. D. Lowe.	W. H. Lecke.	E. C. Smeed.	G. B. Schall.
1863	Edmund H. Turner.	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	W. H. Strickland.	W. Chatland.	J. Clarke Hagey.	H. S. Goodwin.	C. A. Banvart.
1864	H Stanley Goodwin.	Isaac Whittier.	Robert Pitcairn.	Wm. Chatland.	H. M. Johnson.	S. E. Bilger.	Jos. Godfrey.
1865	H. Stanley Goodwin.	W. H. Strickland.	Robert Pitcairn.	Chas. A. Banvart.	C. M. Howell.	E. Cornman.	J. Vallerchamp.
1866	Wm. H. Strickland.	Robert Pitcairn.	Chas. A. Banvart.	John Vallerchamp.	J. R. Dimm.	J. H. Hopkins.	H. B. McKean.
1867	Robert Pitcairn.	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	Chas. A. Banvart.	John Vallerchamp.	J. R. Dimm.	J. H. Hopkins.	H. B. McKean.
1868	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	John Vallerchamp.	James H. Hopkins.	Henry B. McKean.	R. H. Pattison.	C. M. Howell.	A. Miller.
1869	John Vallerchamp.	James H. Hopkins.	Henry B. McKean.	Charles M. Howell.	J. J. Elsegood.	A. Miller.	F. J. Evans.
1870	James H. Hopkins.	Henry B. McKean.	Charles M. Howell.	Geter C. Shidle.	J. R. Dimm.	F. J. Evans.	N. Smith.
1871	Henry B. McKean.	Charles M. Howell.	Abram Miller.	F. J. Evans.	Jos. S. Evans.	N. Smith.	G. C. Shidle.
1872	Charles M. Howell.	Abram Miller.	F. J. Evans.	Nathan Smith.	R. H. Pattison.	G. C. Shidle.	Grant Weidman.
1873	Geter C. Shidle.	Grant Weidman.	John H. Dusenbury.	Chas. H. Kingston.	R. H. Pattison.	A. J. Kauffman.	W. H. Egle.
1874	Grant Weidman.	John H. Dusenbury.	Chas. H. Kingston.	A. J. Kauffman.	R. H. Pattison.	W. H. Egle.	S. B. Dick.
1875	John H. Dusenbury	Chas. H. Kingston.	A. J. Kauffman.	William H. Egle.	R. H. Pattison.	S. B. Dick.	J. P. S. Gobin.
1876	Chas. H. Kingston.	A. J. Kauffman.	William H. Egle.	Samuel B Dick.	Daniel Washburn.	J. P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.
1877	A. J. Kauffman.	William H. Egle.	Samuel B. Dick.	John P. S. Gobin.	Daniel Washburn.	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.
1878	William H. Egle.	Samuel B. Dick.	John P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.	Daniel Washburn.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.
1879	Samuel B. Dick.	John P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Daniel Washburn.	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.
1880	John P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	A. V. C. Schenck.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.
1881	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	A. V. C. Schenck.	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.
1882	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.	A. V. C. Schenck.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.
1883	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	A. V. C. Schenck.	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.
1884	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.	John Hewett.	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.
1885	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.	John Hewett.	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.
1886	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.	W. Henry Platt.	Torrence C. Hipple.	John J. Wadsworth.
1887	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	W. Henry Platt.	John J. Wadsworth.	Joseph S. Wright.
1888	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	John J. Wadsworth.	W. Henry Platt.	Joseph S. Wright.	James H. Codding.
1889	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	John J. Wadsworth.	Joseph S. Wright.	W. Henry Platt.	James H. Codding.	Charles C. Baer.

Grand Officers, Continued.

Year.	*Grand Treasurer.*	*Grand Recorder.*	*Gr. Stand. Bearer.*	*Gr. Sword Bearer.*	*Grand Warder.*	*Gr. Capt.-of-the-Gd.*	*Grand Marshal.*
1857	A. Culbertson.	Alfred Creight.					No appointment.
1858	"	"					"
1859	"	"	Geo. R. Clarke.	Geo. H. Bull.	W. G. Warden.	H. L. Smith.	"
1860	"	"	Geo. R. Clarke.	Geo. H. Bull.	W. G. Warden.	Step. Orth.	"
1861	"	"	Richard Coulter.	Herbert Thomas.	H. R. Hawman.	L. M. Scott.	"
1862	"	"	S. Hayden.	I. McAllester.	S. B. Cooper.	J. Benedict.	"
1863	Isaac Whittier.	"	Wm. Lilly.	George E. Fox.	W. J. Long.	W. R. Terry.	"
1864	John Edwards.	"	Geo. E. Fox.	Ernest Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	J. Hardy.	"
1865	Isaac Whittier.	"	Geo. E. Fox.	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.		"
1866	R. A. O. Kerr.	"	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	F. J. Evans.	J. M. Westhaeffer.	"
1867	"	"	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	F. J. Evans.	C. F. Porter.	"
1868	"	"	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	F. J. Evans.	Geo. P. McMillan.	"
1869	"	"	E. B. Young.	J. H. Dusenbury.	Chas. E. Meyer.	S. S. Smith.	"
1870	"	"	S. B. Dick.	W. H. Egle.	C. H. Kingston.	J. A. Vanderslice.	"
1871	M. Richards Mucklé.	"	Grant Weidman.	J. H. Dusenbury.	J. L. Young.	Michael Bender.	Edward Masson.
1872	"	Charles E. Meyer.	D. J. Martin.	J. M. Westhaeffer.	C. H. Kingston.	C. L. Stowell.	"
1873	"	"	J. A. Smull.	R. A. Packer.	A. Robeno, Jr.	H. C. L. Crecelius.	"
1874	"	"	J. H. Israel.	Edward Masson.	J. P. S. Gobin.	C. Curtin.	No appointment.
1875	"	"	Jesse Orr.	W. H. Egle.	E. P. Kingsbury.	J. M. Scott.	"
1876	"	"	James Houston.	W. H. Egle.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	J. F. Quilman.	"
1877	"	"	John J. Heisler.	H. T. Beardsley.	B. F. Breneman.	Henry Geddes.	"
1878	"	"	Wm. C. Hamilton.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	John A. Smull.	William H. Slack.	"
1879	"	"	Theodore Cornman.	Edward Masson.	George V. Maus.	Edwin G. Martin.	"
1880	"	"	John Slingluff.	Jos. M. Selheimer.	William W. Allen.	Frank H. Keller.	"
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1882	"	"	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	William N. Viguers.	Nat. P. Ramsey.	Edward Masson.
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